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# Palo Alto

# Woman's Club

## 1957-1958

### Dr. Frederic Spiegelberg to speak at Woman's Club

Dr. Frederic Spiegelberg, Stanford professor, will discuss his latest book, "Living Religions of the World," at the Wednesday meeting of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto.

Dr. Spiegelberg is lecturer and professor of Indian culture and thought in the Department of Asiatic Studies at Stanford. He will speak at 2 p.m. at the clubhouse, 475 Homer Ave.

Mrs. Harold Kay is chairman. The tea committee is headed by Beatrice D. Bryant and Mrs. Ernest Mora.

Committee members are Mrs. William Nicholas, Mrs. George H. Ormsby, Ida L. Patterson, Mrs. Robert F. Peckham Sr., Aimee M. Peters, Mrs. Hugo Ramiciotti, Mrs. Allen A. Prior, Mrs. George E. Radford, Mrs. Chris Rasmussen, Mrs. Martin J. Reeves, Mrs. Robert C. Ringler, Mrs. Truman Peters and Mrs. W. P. Parkhouse.

Pouring will be Mrs. Glen E. Vasei, Mrs. Jack Bennett, Mrs. Robert R. Padgett and Mrs. A. K. Nicol. Mrs. Herbert Leslie Thompson and Mrs. P. K. Winchell are in charge of decorations.

### Woman's Club bridge section to gather

The bridge section of the Women's Club of Palo Alto will meet Friday at the clubhouse. Dessert will be served at 1:30 p.m., and the card party will begin at 2 p.m. Members and guests may attend.

Chairman Mrs. O. M. Young will conduct the meeting. Tea chairman Mrs. C. H. Bowman will be assisted by Mrs. A. O. Sanders, Mrs. H. M. Forde, and Mrs. R. C. Ringler.

### Publicity Chairman - Mrs Jack Bennett Co-Chairman - Mrs L.J. Filz Simmons

### Woman's Club to present Mrs. Norris

The book section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto is presenting Palo Alto novelist Kathleen Norris in a benefit program, "Books and Book People" Thursday, at the clubhouse at 2:30 p.m.

Even though Mrs. Norris is familiar to many Palo Alto residents, there are many newcomers who have never had an opportunity of hearing or meeting her, therefore an invitation has been extended to the public to hear her speak at this public event.

Her latest book "As Seen Through a Glass Darkly" shows the steady development in her thinking and is a challenge to all in a troubled world.

Mrs. Harold Milner, chairman of the book section, and Mrs. Charles Fisher, co-chairman, will entertain Mrs. Norris and the members of the committee at the Allied Arts for a luncheon before the lecture.

### Woman's Club to present drama program

Tomorrow at 2 p.m. the drama section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto will present a program at the clubhouse, 475 Homer Ave.

Mrs. H. H. Stannard will review short excerpts from the plays of Eugene O'Neill. Mrs. Richard Kay, dramatic reader, will present "A Salute to November."

A vocal trio comprised of Mrs. Leslie H. Lutz, Mrs. Robert Seibert, and Mrs. Anthony Kriebel will sing Thanksgiving selections.

Mrs. John Duckworth is chairman of the decorations and tea for the event.

Club members and guests may attend at the usual guest fee.

### Woman's Club to hear talk on 'National Parks'

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto will meet Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the clubhouse to hear Russell K. Grater, regional naturalist of Region Four, National Park Service, speak on "National Parks—Nature's Masterpieces."

Members of the art section will also display their paintings, according to Mrs. Wideman Hoffman, chairman.

The tea committee, headed by Mrs. Arthur J. Zschokke and Mrs. E. R. Lewis, will include Mrs. Otis D. Small, Mrs. Charles A. Sloane, Mrs. Frank M. Shaw, Mrs. R. H. Severance, Mrs. Robert Seibert, Mrs. Ennis Savage, Mrs. A. C. Sanders, Mrs. Philip Rowan, Mrs. A. K. Nicol, Mrs. William Pinkerton and Mrs. George Radford.

Mrs. Willa Wise Monroe is in charge of decorations.

### National Art Week to be observed

In observance of National Art Week — Nov. 3-10 — the art section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto will entertain club members Nov. 6 at 3 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Principal speaker will be Russell K. Grater, regional naturalist of region four of the National Park Service. He will speak on "National Parks — Nature's Masterpieces."

Paintings by club members will also be on exhibit, according to Mrs. Florence Wideman Hoffman, exhibit chairman.



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## Woman's Club of Palo Alto to present musical play at Christmas party Wednesday

The choral and drama section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto will have charge of the Christmas party to be held at the clubhouse Wednesday afternoon at 2.

A musical play, "The Old-fashioned Christmas," will be presented by the joint sections.

The dialogue cast includes Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mrs. C. H. Bowman, Mrs. John Duckworth, Mrs. Harold Kay, Mrs. Harry Lamour, Mrs. Harry Kesterson and Mrs. Willa Wise Monroe. Mrs. Pegi DeBari will be the soloist.

Quartet carolers are Mrs. Leslie Lutz, Mrs. Richard Kay, Mrs. A. W. Kriebel and Mrs. Robert Seibert. Mrs. James Marshall is accompanist.

The choral group will sing during the play and two additional numbers, "I Know, Oh Virgin Mary" and "Gesu Bambino," under the direction of Eugene Lawrence. Olive Sorrick is the accompanist and Mrs. E. R. Hannibal is chairman of the choral section.

Giving the prologue will be Mrs. H. H. Stannard, and the cast and chorus personnel and play resume will be presented by Mrs. Philip Rowan.

Decorations chairman is Mrs. S. F. Deal, assisted by Florence

Mills, and tea chairman is Mrs. Monroe, assisted by Mrs. A. O. Sanders.

Pouring will be Mrs. Alfred Becker, Mrs. V. C. Robinson, Mrs. Herbert Thompson and Mrs. Donald M. Umphrey.

Members of the tea committee are Miss Mills, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Thomas McElligott, Mrs. Robert W. Mason, Mrs. George Maginn, Mrs. E. P. Lowe, Mrs. John J. McAuliffe, Mrs. J. W. Lindamood, Mrs. G. A. Liebenstein, Mrs. Harry Le Claire, Mrs. A. J. Lafferty, Mrs.

Franklin Kriebel, Mrs. A. W. Kriebel and Mrs. Harold E. Moberg.

Among members of the choral section are Mrs. Deal, Mrs. J. J. Kale, Mrs. Kay, Mrs. A. W. Kriebel, Mrs. Harry Lamour, Mrs. Willard Morrison, Mrs. Marie Ruhlmann, Mrs. Seibert, Mrs. Lynn Smith and Mrs. Clifford Spencer.

Other members are Mrs. Herbert Thompson, Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mrs. Gladys Kellman, Mrs. Dora Moore and Mrs. Margaret Weed.

Nov 30

### Choral group to entertain club

A boys' choral quintet from Jordan Junior High School, under the direction of Miss Marjorie Klien, will appear at the Wednesday meeting of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto at 2 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Mrs. Donald M. Umphrey, chairman of the day, is assisted by Mrs. H. H. Seiter and Mrs. Albert W. Lynde, tea chairmen. Assisting are Mrs. Joseph B. Newman, Mrs. David Nielson, Mrs. L. E. Nathanson, Mrs. Edna Murray, Mrs. Edgar Mosher, Mrs. Charles Mosher, Mrs. Willard C. Morrison, Mrs. H. E. Mober, Mrs. W. T. Mitchell and Mrs. H. W. Milner.

In charge of decorations are Mrs. Jack Bennett and Mrs. Dale Callanan.

1-22-58

### 'La Traviata' hostesses are named

The music section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto has announced hostesses for the Sunday performance of an operalogue, "La Traviata," to be presented at 3 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Receiving guests will be Mrs. Harry A. Cox, Mrs. E. R. Hannibal, Mrs. James G. Marshall, Mrs. Marion M. Thomas, Mrs. Marie Ruhlmann, Mrs. Ben Seldman and Mrs. Melvin Barnett.

Others on the committee are Mrs. A. W. Kriebel, Mrs. William Bettys, Mrs. Clement Arnold and Mrs. Daniel Hays.

Coffee will be served by Mrs. Kay and Mrs. H. H. Seiter.

Participating in the operalogue will be Josephine Barbano, soprano; Juanita de Young, mezzo-soprano; Ante Soljanich, tenor, and Eugene Lawrence, baritone; Myriam Zunser, violinist.

Howard Albertson is the musical director and Mrs. Richard Kay will be narrator.

The public may attend and tickets will be available at door.

1-7-58

### Woman's Club group to host musicians

The music section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto, will meet at the clubhouse on Thursday at 2 p.m.

Guests for the afternoon will be Helen and Howard Albertsen, the choral director, and Eugene Lawrence, baritone.

Helen Albertsen has sung in operettas on the coast, and Howard Albertsen is assistant conductor to the Cosmopolitan Opera Company. He has conducted many operas and operetta performances in San Francisco, and will be music director for the La Traviata Operalogue to be held Jan. 26 at the Woman's Club.

Tea will be served after the meeting by tea chairman Mrs. A. W. Kriebel and her committee, Mrs. Philip Rowan, Mrs. D. R. Smith, and Mrs. Willard C. Morrison.

8/1/17/58

### Bridge section meets Friday

The bridge section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto will meet Friday at the clubhouse. Dessert will be served at 1:30 p.m. The club president, Mrs. Marion M. Thomas, and Mrs. Charles C. Fisher will preside at the tea table.

Mrs. O. M. Young, bridge chairman, announced that cards will be played at 2 p.m. Members and guests may attend.

Mrs. Glen E. Vassel, tea chairman, will be assisted by Miss Beatrice D. Bryant, Mrs. Laurence G. Weiler, and Mrs. J. W. Lindamood.

1-25-58

### Woman's Club section to hear book reviews

The book section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto will meet on Thursday, at the clubhouse at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Howard Swig will review "By Love Possessed" by James Gould Cozzens and will also discuss "Face to Face" by Ved Mehta, a Hindu who came to this country for his education.

Club members may bring guests at the regular fee.

8/1-10-58

### Woman's Club to hear professor

Dr. Alfred G. Fisk, professor of philosophy at San Francisco State College, will speak on "Formosa, Viet Nam and Nepal" at the Wednesday meeting of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto.

Dr. Fisk is a well known lecturer and has written numerous articles. He has been "on the spot" in many critical areas of the world and has traveled extensively in Russia and the satellite countries.

He will speak at the clubhouse at 2 p.m.

Mrs. A. W. Bailly Jr. is chairman. The tea committee is headed by Mrs. Henry Carmean and Mrs. Howard Zink and consists of life members Mrs. J. Percy Baumberger, Mrs. William H. Beattys Jr., Mrs. Albert D. Bonell, Mrs. Ledyard Cogswell, Elizabeth K. Colegrove, Mrs. R. D. Dickinson, Dora Lidgate, Mrs. Bernard Neustadter and Mrs. Robert B. Zink.

Pouring will be Mrs. Stanley M. Croonquist, Mrs. Andrew Hansen, Mrs. F. T. Dusterberry and Mrs. George F. Gayer. Mrs. Joseph D. Taylor is in charge of decorations.

1-25-58

### Woman's Club gives tea for 55 new members

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto honored 55 new members at a tea yesterday at the Palo Alto home of Mrs. Henry Carmean.

Sponsors of the tea were members of the executive board of the club, headed by Mrs. Marion M. Thomas, president; the membership committee with Mrs. George F. Whitworth, chairman, and Mrs. George E. Radford, co-chairman; the hospitality committee with Mrs. W. H. Pinkerton, chairman, and Mrs. G. L. Weiler, co-chairman.

The purpose of the tea was to acquaint new members of 1957-58 with each other and the club officers.

1-31-58

### Woman's Club to hear weaver Wednesday

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto will hold a business meeting Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Mrs. C. M. Jodocy of Redwood City will give a talk on the history of weaving for the afternoon program. Mrs. Jodocy is president of the Weavers of The Round Table and teaches weaving at Little House. She will be introduced by Mrs. Willa Wise Monroe.

Mrs. Leo Madlem is tea chairman, and Mrs. Sterling Hamilton Coen as co-chairman. Decoration chairman Mrs. G. F. Vanderhoeven will be aided by Mrs. Frank S. Johnston, co-chairman.

1-10-58

### Rummage sale

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto will hold a rummage sale Jan. 17 from 7 to 10 p.m. and Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the clubhouse, 475 Homer Ave. The clubhouse will be open at 9 a.m. Jan. 16 so members make take their rummage.

1-17-58

### Rummage sale

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto will hold its rummage sale today and Saturday at the clubhouse, 475 Homer Ave. Doors will open at 7 this evening and close at 9 o'clock. Goods will be sold from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow.



## Reception tomorrow at P.A. Woman's Club

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto annual reception will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the clubhouse, 475 Homer St.

The Bel'Arte Trio will present four selections for the afternoon's program.

Yearbooks will be distributed at the meeting. The reception is open to all club members, and each member may bring a guest.

## Bridge section to meet Friday

The bridge section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto will hold its second meeting of the fall season Friday at the clubhouse. Dessert will be served at 1:30 p.m., and the card party will begin at 2.

Members and guests may attend.

Chairman of the day is Mrs. O. M. Young. Mrs. R. C. Ringler is co-chairman. Tea chairman is Mrs. J. N. Thompson, and assisting her will be Mrs. Glenn Bowers and Mrs. J. N. Vold.

## Womans Club opens season at reception

The Palo Alto Woman's Club held its opening reception and tea of the season at the Woman's Club House yesterday.

Tea chairman, Mrs. Charles Fisher, and her co-chairman, Mrs. Hugo Helm, were assisted by Mrs. O. M. Young, Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Mrs. George Williams, Mrs. A. E. Werry, Mrs. Herbert Thomson.

Mrs. Harold Squires, Mrs. O. C. Davis, Mrs. Clarke Congdon, Mrs. Harold Kay, Mrs. H. J. Vold.

Decoration chairmen were Mrs. L. M. Van Loh and Mrs. Bertha Ford.

The Bel 'Arte Trio furnished the musical program for the afternoon. They are Eugene Lawrence, baritone; Josephine Barbano, soprano, and Raymond Foote, pianist.

## Teen Topics

# Crashing parties found to be common

By EUGENE GILBERT  
President of the Gilbert  
Youth Research Company

Hawaii, famed for hospitality, has been wondering whether it suffers lately from too much of a good thing.

A Honolulu editor wrote us that gate crashing teen-agers there have turned parties into open-house affairs; he asked us to look into the situation generally.

After making a nationwide survey, we found that Hawaii was not alone in suffering from this "come-one-come-all" disease.

**THE RETURNS** show that party crashing, while not approved by most teen-agers, has become such a widely established practice that we seem on the verge of raising a generation of free loaders.

"Why everybody does it!" explained a 15-year-old Brooklyn boy.

Not everybody does it, but fully 73 per cent of all boys and 13 per cent of all girls in the 13

"THERE'S NOTHING wrong with girls party-crashing," insisted a 16-year-old feminist from West Virginia. "Many of my girl friends do it. At least the girls don't get rough, like the boys do at a party."

Despite the number who admit to having crashed parties from time to time, most teen-agers are opposed to the practice.

## Club section plans drama program

The drama section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto is presenting a program for all club members and their guests at the clubhouse, 475 Homer Ave., Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Mrs. H. H. Stannard, chairman, will give a comprehensive review of the David Garrick period of theater, 1670.

Eugene Lawrence, baritone, will sing a group of dramatic ballads, and Mrs. Leslie H. Lutz will give a reading of "Drama in Poetry" with interpretive poems. Background music is adapted and will be played by Mrs. James G. Marshall.

## 'Guest meeting' night Wednesday at woman's club

A program will highlight the "guest meeting" night of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the clubhouse, 475 Homer Ave.

Members may each take one guest, without charge and additional guests may attend, but will pay 50 cents.

The program will be presented by Gail Potter, monodramatist, interpreter and impersonator, and Maryjane Potter as harpist.

Mrs. L. M. VanLoh is chairman of the evening. Assisting will be Mrs. Gerard L. Vanderhoeven, Mrs. Frank S. Johnson, Mrs. Carl Titus, Mrs. J. N. Thompson, Mrs. Herbert Leslie Thompson, Mrs. Joseph D. Taylor, Mrs. Dale Thomson, Mrs. Jesse H. Stevenson.

Mrs. H. H. Stannard, Mrs. Clifford A. Spencer, Mrs. Caroline M. Soldate, Mrs. Zenos M. Smith, Mrs. Lynne A. Smith, Mrs. Albert K. Spielberger, Miss Clara Strain, Mrs. Horace P. Warren and Mrs. Frank Dickey.

## Bridge section sets Friday luncheon event

The first summer luncheon meeting for the bridge section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the clubhouse. The card session will commence at 2.

Mrs. T. W. E. Christmas, chairman, will be assisted by Mrs. H. J. Vold, Mrs. L. S. Webster, Mrs. Margaret Stewart, Mrs. Otis D. Small and Mrs. J. N. Thompson.

## Woman's Club to hear soprano

The Palo Alto Woman's Club will hold a business meeting Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the club house.

Rose Marie Johnson, coloratura soprano, will furnish the entertainment for the afternoon.

Tea chairman, Mrs. Forrest Steward, and co-chairman, Grace Paden, will be assisted by Mrs. L. G. Weiler, Mrs. L. S. Webster, Mrs. L. M. Van Loh, Mrs. Donald Umphrey, Mrs. Horace Warren, Mrs. Walter S. Ward, Mrs. Sarajane Trumbo, Miss Elizabeth Van Auker.

Mrs. Zemo Smith, decoration chairman, will have as her co-chairman Mrs. Edward T. Yarke.



WOMAN'S CLUB HONORS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Mrs. E. R. Hannibal, music section chairman of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto, presents awards to Marion Earnhardt (left), pianist, and Suzanne Lown, flutist, winners of the club's annual

scholarships. The young musicians entertained at the club's annual bridge-tea this week at the clubhouse.

(Lars Speyer photo)



## Woman's club choral group to make debut

The choral group of the music section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto will be pre-

sented in a debut concert, by the Peninsula Artist Series, an organization whose purpose is to present outstanding artists from the peninsula area in concert.

The music section of the Woman's Club is sponsoring a series of three concerts under the management of The Northern California Concert & Artists Management on Nov. 10, Jan. 26, and the debut concert of the Woman's Club on March 9. All concerts are to be pre-

sented on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. E. Ray Hannibal is chairman of the choral group and Mrs. James G. Marshall is co-chairman. Mrs. Harry A. Cox is chairman and Mrs. Edgar Mosher Jr., co-chairman of the music section.

Series tickets are now on sale, and may be obtained by writing to Peninsula Artists Series, Box 215, Palo Alto, or by contacting one of the music chairmen: Mrs. Hannibal, DA 3-6918 or Mrs. Cox, DA 2-6407.

## 'Golden Holidays' show slated by Woman's Club

The Women's Club of Palo Alto will present its fall fashion show, "Golden Holidays," on Oct. 30 at the clubhouse. Dessert will be served at 1 p.m., to be followed by the fashion showing at 2.

For reservations, call Mrs. Ernest H. Schaper, chairman, DA 2-7742, or Mrs. Frank S. Johnson, co-chairman, phone WH 8-6117.

Models for the show will be Mrs. Edward Hazen, Junior Women's Club president, Mrs. Melvin B. Bentley, Mrs. G. L. Vanderhoeven, Mrs. David Williams, Mrs. Jack Bennett, Mrs. Zenos M. Smith, Mrs. Donald Knapp, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Schaper, Mrs. Philip Rowan, Mrs. John F. Duckworth, Mrs. Harold E. Ragle, Carole Kesterson and Jan Van Loh.

Rita Kramer will be commentator, and working on the door committee are Mrs. Lewis J. Evans, Mrs. H. P. Warren, Mrs. Robert H. Seibert, and Mrs. Richard Kay.

Back stage workers are Mrs. A. W. Kriebel, Dora Lidgate, Mrs. Otis Small and Mrs. L. M. Van Loh. Members of the decoration committee are Mrs. Willa Wise Monroe, chairman, Mrs. Carl Titus, Mrs. G. F. Whitworth, Mrs. A. O. Sanders, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Leo Madlem and Mrs. J. P. Hefner.

Mrs. H. H. Stannard is chairman of the dessert committee, and assisting her are Mrs. Myles L. Grover, co-chairman,

Mrs. Robert Horr, Mrs. A. C. Gfroerer, Mrs. G. A. Liebenstein, Mrs. Thomas McElligott, Mrs. Cabell Carrington and Mrs. Bertha Ford.



'GOLDEN HOLIDAYS' IS WEDNESDAY

Mrs. H. H. Stannard (left) is dessert chairman for the fashion show to be sponsored by the Woman's Club of Palo Alto. Dessert will be served at 1 p.m., followed by the fashion show at 2, at the clubhouse. Among the models will be Mrs. Donald Knapp and Mrs. Gerard Vanderhoeven. For reservations, call Mrs. Ernest H. Schaper, DA 2-7742, or Mrs. Frank B. Johnson, WH 8-6117.

## Coed Marion Earnhardt to study music at Oberlin

Several farewell barbecueswim parties have been given for Marion Earnhardt of Palo Alto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Earnhardt, before she left to attend Oberlin College in Ohio.

Marion, a June graduate of Palo Alto High School, is an accomplished pianist, and will attend the Conservatory of Music at Oberlin College.

During her years at Jordan Junior High and at Paly High, she was the piano accompanist with both school orchestras.

She accompanied school operettas and talent shows, the Paly girl's jinx shows, and numerous other talent shows, choral groups and fashion shows of various clubs and church functions in this area. For the past two years she was pianist for a Spanish dance studio in Atherton.

The Women's Club of Palo Alto also awarded her a scholarship for her musical ability, and she plans, on her return from Oberlin next June, to give benefit performances for the Woman's Club as well as for the building fund of the First Methodist Church of Palo Alto.

Among those who attended the parties given for Marion at her parents' home was Pam Staley, who recently returned from a two years residence in India; Shari Baker, Kathy Bill, Margaret Bodley, Carolyn Brown, Judy Buck, Sophia Bemakopoulos, Sheryl Casaday, Bea Clark, Roger Cowger, Ellen Cowley, Claudia Cushing, Fred Earnhardt Jr.



STUDENT IN OHIO

Marion Earnhardt

Joan Fasani, Delsie Finch, Nickie Furneri, Curtis Givan, Pat Florence, Sally Hart, Pat Hatch, Joyan Hutton, Sharon Greeley, Ann Jacobson, Gail Johnson, Doreen Joul.

Dave Hunt, Suzi Keeble, Judy Kosby, Susan Krepps, Barbara Norman, Joyce Packard, Sherry Page, Joyce Nelson, Joan Ryman, Elizabeth Shedd, Susie Schaefer, Shirley Sonne, Nancy Stich, Joy Verhaaren, Linda Wood, Marilyn Trittin, Wyn Wachorst, and Darlyn Zeesman.

## Middle East is topic of speech at Woman's Club

Vartan Gregorian of Iran will appear as guest speaker Monday at 2 p.m. at a gathering of the international relations section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto, at the clubhouse, 475 Homer Ave.

Mr. Gregorian will speak on the Middle East. Now a student at Stanford University, he has traveled extensively in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey.

Committee members presenting the program and tea are Mrs. J. P. Daniel, Mrs. Robert C. Ringler, Mrs. Glenn Vassel and Mrs. A. W. Bailey Jr. They will entertain Mr. Gregorian at a luncheon at Allied Arts Guild prior to the meeting.

Club members and guests may attend at the usual guest fee.

## Woman's Club music section to convene

The music section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto, will meet tomorrow at the clubhouse at 2 p.m.

A recording of "Tosca," with history of the opera and its composer, by Eugene Lawrence, choral conductor, will be played. Tea will be served by the tea chairman, Mrs. W. A. Pinkerton, and her committee, Mrs. Daniel Hayes, Mrs. H. H. Seiter, and Mrs. Walter Ward.



# Symphony of Spring' calls for parties

4-25-58

## Woman's Club to sponsor annual style show Wednesday

"Symphony of Spring," the fashion show to be given by the Woman's Club of Palo Alto next Wednesday at the clubhouse, is serving as an incentive for a number of luncheons and dessert parties preceding the early afternoon event.

Mrs. David Williams has asked a group to luncheon at Rickey's before the show. Included in her party will be her daughter, Mrs. Donald Ockerman of Burlingame; Mrs. Thomas Keating of Oakland and Mrs. Edward Kolb of San Francisco.

Mrs. G. L. Vanderhoeven's dessert guests will be Mrs. George Cadwalder of San Francisco, Mrs. Earl Norris, Mrs. Ralph Ehni

and Mrs. James Stewart, all of Los Altos.

The club president, Mrs. Marion Thomas, will have as her guests Mrs. D. Beckhardt, Mrs. Charles Vanolinda, Mrs. Gertrude Craglow, Mrs. G. Crough and Mrs. Lucy Winkler.

Seated with Mrs. L. M. Van Loh and her mother, Mrs. Bertha Ford, will be Mrs. A. E. Moffitt, Mrs. M. E. Bradford, Mrs. Leo Rice and Mrs. Ernest Payne.

Guests of Mrs. Albert A. Styles will be Mrs. Eugene Davis of San Francisco; Mrs. Hugo Beyer, Palo Alto; Mrs. Leonard Watts, Redwood City; Mrs. Graham Shute, Atherton, and Mrs. Charles Ghilardi, Menlo Park.

Mrs. Charles C. Fisher will entertain for Mrs. Edwin Gray, Mrs. Albert Steinbeck and Mrs. John Ball.

Mrs. John J. McAuliffe will entertain for Mrs. Paul Speegle, whose husband will be the show commentator; Mrs. Earl Elbridge, Mrs. Edward Rollins, Mrs. William Simons and Mrs. E. Eckholm.

The public may attend, but reservations must be made with Mrs. Herbert L. Thompson of Palo Alto.



FASHION SHOW CHAIRMEN

Mrs. Frank S. Johnson and Mrs. Philip Rowan

## P.A. Woman's Club slates style show

### 'Symphony of Spring Fashions' April 30

Timed to the season is the style show—"Symphony of Spring Fashions"—to be presented by the Woman's Club of Palo Alto April 30 at the clubhouse.

Preceding the event dessert will be served at 1 o'clock. Paul Speegle, Menlo Park resident and San Francisco newspaper columnist, will serve as commentator.

Mrs. Frank S. Johnson, chairman, is being assisted by Mrs. Philip Rowan as co-chairman and Mrs. G. L. Vanderhoeven as model chairman.

Models already named are the following:

Mrs. John J. McAuliffe, Mrs. Harold E. Moberg, Mrs. L. E. Nathanson, Mrs. Henry Carmean, Mrs. Clifford Spencer, Mrs. H. H. Stannard, Mrs.

Jaunita Grimm, Mrs. Carl Titus, Mrs. Dale E. Callanan.

Mrs. George F. Gayer, Mrs. Robert R. Padgett, Mrs. C. M. Himel, Mrs. Miles Breeze, Mrs. Myles Grover, Mrs. Robert C. Ringler, Mrs. O. L. Olsen, Mrs. H. L. Lyell, Mrs. C. Hugo Helm, Mrs. Edward Hazen, Junior Women's Club president, and Miss Jan Van Loh.

D. Duane is serving as show coordinator.

Also working on various committees are Mrs. Harold W. Squires and Mrs. David A. Williams, dessert chairmen, assisted by Mrs. George Oswell Jr., Mrs. Donald Knapp, Mrs. Melvin B. Bentley, Mrs. Walter Hamilton, Mrs. Harvey Humphreys, Mrs. George Pohl, Mrs. Kim Wood, Mrs. Homes Herbert, Mrs.



WOMAN'S CLUB MEMBERS ARE MANNEQUINS

Show participants are (left to right) Mrs. Harold Moberg, Mrs. Henry Carmean and Mrs. J. J. McAuliffe.



## Woman's Club of Palo Alto to observe Founders' Day

Mrs. Marion M. Thomas will be the 46th president of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto when she and other club officers are installed Wednesday at the clubhouse.

The club will convene at 1 p.m. for its last meeting of the season to also celebrate Founders' Day and Past Presidents' Day.

**THE WOMAN'S CLUB** of Palo Alto was organized in 1894 with Mrs. Mary G. Campbell as president. It was incorporated in 1904 and the clubhouse was erected in 1916. Today, the club is a member of General, State and County Federations and has a membership of approximately 300 women.

Dessert will be served by the tea committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. L.E. Nathanson.

Assisting her will be Mrs. A. W. Baily, Mrs. J. F. Beatty, Mrs. W. H. Beattys, Mrs. M. B. Bentley, Mrs. Jack Bennett, Mrs. Carroll Blacker, Mrs. G. Colbers, Mrs. C. H. Helm, Mrs. C. M. Himel, Mrs. Frances Lytton, Mrs. William Wise Monroe, Mrs. H. Walter, Mrs. C. E. Whitcomb and Mrs. D. Dickinson.

The choral group, with Mrs. E. R. Hannibal as chairman,

will present several selections. Mrs. Robert Frick and Mrs. J. Harold Frantz are in charge of decorations.



**GUESTS AT WOMAN'S CLUB SHOW**

Mrs. Guy W. Meek (left) of Atherton, and Mrs. Charles Lawrence Christian of Atherton attend the annual spring benefit style show and dessert party the Woman's Club of Palo Alto gave at the women's clubhouse.

## Moran quits library group following injury at home

The Rev. Hugh Moran last night withdrew as a member of a committee campaigning for preservation of the downtown Palo Alto library. He fell down a flight of stairs yesterday at his home and injured his left leg.

He told other members of the Committee for the Downtown Cultural and Recreation Center and Branch Library that he would be unable to carry on the committee's work.

**GUY WALLICK**, retired business executive and president of the Palo Alto Art Club, was appointed last night to replace him.

Other committee members appointed at an organizational meeting of the group, attended by some 100 persons, at the All Saints' Episcopal Church parish house were as follows:

Frederick J. Perry, retired business executive; Merrill M. Vanderpool, retired business executive and trustee of the Palo Alto Board of Education; Maj. Oliver J. Todd, civil engineer; Joseph Lawry, attorney and president of the Palo Alto Kiwanis Club; Howard L. Topping, bank executive.

Perry was chosen chairman and Todd, co-chairman. All committee members except Wallick, who replaces Mr. Moran, had been nominated previously.

**MR. MORAN**, retired Presbyterian minister, former Rhodes Scholar and chaplain at Cornell University, pulled a tendon in his left knee in the accident

at his home. He underwent surgery at Palo Alto Hospital today.

The committee is circulating petitions calling on the city council to preserve the downtown library as a cultural and recreation center when the new main library near the city hall is completed.

The council on Oct. 14 will hear a report from City Manager Jerry Keithley on whether it would be more feasible to maintain the downtown library as a branch library or tear it down, use the site for off-street parking and build a new branch library on Bryant and Lytton streets.

**THE COMMITTEE** last night heard a talk on geriatric problems by Dr. Philip R. Lee of the Palo Alto Clinic. The committee feels the library can be used as a senior center.

Dr. Lee, calling for the establishment of such a center, said a major problem of the aging is loneliness. A senior center, he said, could provide companionship and activities for older residents who now are plagued by idleness and loneliness.

Robert Collyer, program chairman of Little House, told how his organization helps senior residents in the Midpeninsula area. Little House is a nationally known senior recreation and social center in Menlo Park.

## House, garden tour

Four gardens and the interiors of two homes will be open next Friday for the house and garden tour being planned by the Woman's Club of Palo Alto.

**TOUR GOERS** will leave by car caravan from the clubhouse at 474 Homer Ave. at 1 p.m. and visit the following locations:

Miss Elizabeth Gamble's garden at 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto, which is well-known to flower lovers throughout the area. From there guests will go to the gardens of the Frank E. Buck estate at 2212 Santa Cruz Ave. in Menlo Park.

This tour, guided by the head gardener, Ernest Mathews, will commence at 1:30.

Next in line will be the hill-top home and gardens of the Daniel Bosscharts, 23670 Ravensbury, Los Altos.

**REFRESHMENTS** will also be served at the Bosschart home by hostesses from the woman's club. They will include Mrs. Marion Thomas, club president; Mrs. Donald Umphrey, Mrs. George Gayer, Mrs. Harold Kay, Mrs. Daniel Hayes, Mrs. Laurence G. Weiler.

Mrs. Jack Bennett, Mrs. Henry Carmean, Mrs. L. E. Nathanson, Mrs. Melvin Bentley, Mrs. Miles Bresee, Mrs. Philip Rowan and Mrs. Leslie Lutz.

Mrs. S. F. Deal and Mrs. Anthony Kriebel are co-chairmen of the tour.

Proceeds from the tickets, which are \$1.50 each, will benefit the club's scholarship fund. Reservations for tickets or transportation from the clubhouse may be made by contacting Mrs. Deal or Mrs. Kriebel.

## Woman's Club names delegates to convention

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto will represent the Loma Prieta District at the 55th annual convention of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, to be held Monday through Thursday in San Francisco at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel. The formulation of club policies and the installation of officers will be two of the many activities to be covered at the convention.

Delegates from Palo Alto will be Mrs. Marion M. Thomas, president, Mrs. E. R. Hannibal, Mrs. Harry A. Cox, Mrs. Harry I. Larmour, Mrs. David Nielson, Mrs. J. N. Thompson, Mrs. Glen Bowers, Mrs. O. L. Olsen, and Mrs. Clement H. Arnold.



# Palo Alto's Library Center of Squabble

A long civic controversy is in prospect in Palo Alto as a result of City Manager Jerry Keithley's recommendation last week that the 53-year old downtown library be torn down.

The City Council, at the same time it received Keithley's recommendation, also was handed petitions signed by 2,400 residents urging preservation of the library as a cultural and recreation center for senior citizens.

The council promptly put the issue over for further study, assigning the library committee to hold a series of public hearings and hear the pros and cons before a decision is made.

Mayor Noel Porter said there is no point in making an immediate decision because the downtown library can't be torn down until the new main library near the City Hall is completed next spring.

Keithley said the old library is so decrepit that it isn't worth repairing. He

urged tearing down the building, using the site for off-street parking and building a new downtown library branch on another site.

Several residents rose to declare that it would be callous to tear down the library, one of Palo Alto's earliest public buildings, when it could be restored for a sum estimated at \$50,000 to \$70,000.

"Simply because the building happens to be 53 years old is not a valid reason for its destruction," said Mrs. Martha M. Thomas, president of the Women's Club of Palo Alto. She urged the council to preserve "this classical landmark."

At least one councilman indicated that the petitions made a greater impact on him than the city manager's recommendation.

"I realize the city needs parking," said Councilman James Marshall, "but I feel we can provide it without going against this wave of people who have signed a petition."

## Old library should remain

Editor of the Times:

With the completion of the new city library, the question must be settled: What is to become of the building which has served us so well for the past 50 years? A proposition has been made to demolish the old building and to turn the site into a parking lot; to erect a branch library on the north side of town, three blocks from the county line. The lot cost \$70,000, the building to cost \$100,000 to \$120,000 and to provide 4,000 square feet of floor space. The alleged reasons for destroying the old building, it is too large, it has steps, and the ground is needed for parking.

The old building is of the same architecture as the university, it withstood the earthquake with negligible damage, is structurally sound, and has 16,000 square feet of floor space, four times the size of the proposed branch library. It has been sadly neglected, but can be put into excellent condition, with new plumbing, light, heat and roof, and remodeled for \$40,000 to \$50,000 — less than half the cost of the proposed new building.

Remodeled, the building can provide for a branch library ideally located for one-stop shopping. It can provide also a center for old-timers where it is needed — an art gallery, and quarters for music — that is all the main features of a cultural center.

A ramp can be built for crutches and wheel chairs to the entrance in the patio, a mezzanine floor added in the original part of the building for offices and administration, with a push button elevator at the main entrance. And still we would save money. This would provide ideal quarters for the proposed uses, all of which belong under the same roof.

More parking space is not now needed at that site. I pass there daily, normally, and I have never seen the lot full — usual occupancy about 20 percent to 25 percent. Some people say they do not like the architecture, which would be an equally good reason for tearing down the buildings at the university. Much modern architecture reminds us old-timers unpleasantly of grandfather's wood shed. This is the kind of building we like. It would be an act of courtesy as well as an economy to let the old-timers have and use the old building.

HUGH A. MORAN,  
661 Waverley St.,  
Palo Alto.

## Battle to keep downtown library waxing

By ART GERMAN

THE DOWNTOWN PALO ALTO LIBRARY may be torn down, but if it is, it will go down fighting.

At least its supporters will go down fighting. They are primed for a fight now and their combative spirit is bound to climb steadily upward as Oct. 14 approaches.

Oct. 14 is the date set by the city council to receive a report from City Manager Jerry Keithley on whether it would be more feasible to tear down the downtown library or preserve it. If the building is torn down, a new library branch would be built elsewhere in the downtown area and the present site would be used for off-street parking.

All this would happen, of course, after the new main library adjacent to the city hall is completed next year.

THE SUPPORTERS OF THE PRESENT downtown library building are well-organized, and they are bound to make the city council feel that a substantial portion of the city's residents, if not the majority, want the building preserved.

From their point of view, the present building is a graceful, almost a historic structure, whose destruction would practically amount to sacrilege.

The building dates to 1904, two years before the earthquake which caused major damage in San Francisco and on the Peninsula. Yet this building survived the earthquake, it is pointed out, and it has faithfully served Palo Alto's library needs for more than a half century.

Frederic J. Perry, a retired Palo Alto businessman, is an eloquent spokesman for the Committee for the Downtown Cultural Center and Branch Library. The committee is spear-

heading the campaign to save the downtown library building.

PERRY SEES THE PROPOSED DESTRUCTION of the library as another move aimed at reducing the importance of "old" Palo Alto — the area around the University Avenue shopping district — of which the moving of the city hall to its present location was an earlier example.

"I don't understand how the merchants stand for it," he says.

The merchants are motivated, however, by considerations other than preserving a historic structure which has been in the downtown area a long time.

They see the parking space on the library site as a potential economic shot-in-the-arm for the downtown area.

PERRY AND OTHER SUPPORTERS OF THE downtown library say the present building is four times as large as a proposed new one in the downtown area. It is large enough, they say, to be used as a social and recreation center as well as a library. They also claim it would cost only half as much to remodel the old building as it would to build a new one. The building's detractors, however, feel it will never be more than a makeshift structure.

City Manager Jerry Keithley, who carefully makes it clear that he is not at this time endorsing any point of view, replies that the library site would be "purchased" with money from the city off-street parking fund. This money, he says, would go a long way toward construction of the new downtown library.

As usual, there are two sides to the issue. It will be up to the city council to pick the side.

## Council committee sets public meeting to air 'tensions' on downtown library

Palo Alto City Council Committee No. 2 will hold a public meeting next Tuesday to air "the tensions that have been building up over the downtown library problem," Councilman Burt Davis announced today.

Councilman Davis is chairman of the committee, which deals with public safety, recreation and library problems. He said all members of the council are being bombarded with letters urging preservation of the downtown library when the new main library adjacent to the city hall is completed next year.

"WHAT I would like to do is invite everyone interested in this subject to speak his piece, compile the suggestions and present them to the city council," Dr. Davis said. He said the tentative time for the meeting is 7:30 p.m. at the city council chambers. An all-out campaign is under way to preserve the library as a cultural and social center as well as a branch library. A citizens group — Committee for the Downtown Cultural Center — is heading a petition campaign calling on the city council to save the 53-year-old library building. More than 2,000 signatures already have been obtained.

THE CITY council on Oct. 14 will receive a report from City Manager Jerry Keithley on whether it would be more feasible to keep the downtown library or raze it, use the site for off-street parking and build a new branch library elsewhere in the downtown area.

Dr. Davis said council members are constantly being

## Must they accept dictation?

Editor of the Times:

In your report that "Opposing groups clash on downtown library issue," it seems significant that the clash is between business interests which want another downtown parking lot and thousands of downtown residents who like their library and protest its destruction.

Is it not obvious that a library is for people who read and that the parking lot is proposed to increase the value of nearby property? Does Palo Alto need a Society for the Protection of Readers against Parking Lot Promoters?

As was pointed out in a recent letter from Vivian Webbe published in the Palo Alto Times, New York City has not torn down the library on Fifth Avenue, although the building is old and the site might indeed be valuable for a parking lot.

Can Palo Alto citizens vote on this issue, or must they accept a decision dictated against their interests?

(MRS.) L. C. WILLIAMS,  
302 Forest Ave.,  
Palo Alto.

## 'Values seen as 'strange'

Editor of the Times:

Strange indeed, the values at city hall!

In a quest for beauty the city nearly spent \$150,000 to relandscape the city hall and library site. Whether the city will, still remains to be seen.

But how about funds that would be needed to rehabilitate the downtown library? Expensive? Extravagant? Unnecessary? Take a look at the facts.

The downtown library building is structurally sound. It includes a large floor space which can be rehabilitated to become a fine cultural center. The cost? About \$70,000. This is less than half the amount requested for trees and grass and fountains at the city hall site.

Surely Palo Alto can afford this facility of great potential. Cost of renewing the downtown library building would be less than \$2 a person.

G. W. MacNICHOLS,  
1437 Byron Ave.,  
Palo Alto



# P.A. club seeks vote on 'save library' issue

## Women circulate petitions

Petitions asking for a special election on the downtown Palo Alto library rehabilitation issue are being circulated today.

Mrs. Marion Thomas, president of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto, said the club is sponsoring the signature drive.

The petitions ask the city council to submit the following question to the voters as an "advisory proposition":

"Do you favor the rehabilitation of the present library building at Hamilton Avenue and Bryant Street for community use including a branch library and extended cultural center?"

MRS. THOMAS said her group hopes to present petitions signed by at least 1,548 qualified voters to the council in March—in time for it to be combined with the June 3 primary election.

Little difficulty in getting the required number of signatures is expected, Mrs. Thomas said, noting that the Committee for a Downtown Cultural Center—in which the woman's club was active—turned in nearly 2,400 signatures last October on petitions urging preservation of the downtown library.

City Manager Jerry Keithley proposed last June that the old library be demolished and its site made into a parking lot, and that a new, smaller branch library be built at Lytton Avenue and Bryant.

## Keithley declares in report:

### P.A. to have largest library system per unit of population

Palo Alto, when its projected library construction program is completed, will have the largest library system per unit of population among California cities in the 25,000-100,000 class.

A report by City Manager Jerry Keithley showed that Palo Alto, with a population of 45,633, will have .89 square foot of library space for each resident.

KEITHLEY'S figures take into consideration the 24,000-square-foot main library now under construction near the city hall, the South Palo Alto branch library under construction on Middlefield Road and a downtown branch library planned for construction. Other branch libraries are the children's library at the Community Center and the College Terrace branch.

All told, Keithley said, Palo Alto will have 40,000 square

feet of library space to serve its population.

Keithley submitted his "Comparative Library Statistics—Incorporated California Cities" as part of his report urging demolition of the 53-year-old downtown main library when the new main library is completed. His recommendation is due to be studied by the city council's library committee.

Ranking second, far behind Palo Alto, is Santa Barbara, with a 37,600-square-foot main library, and no branches, to serve a population of 55,000, making a square footage per capita of .68.

KEITHLEY'S statistics were aimed at making it clear that

## P.A. Art Club asks library be retained

The drive to save the downtown Palo Alto library gained new support today as the Palo Alto Art Club threw its weight behind the campaign.

G. P. Wallick, president of the club, urged the preservation of the downtown library building as a cultural center with the suggestion that it include facilities for a branch library.

HE SAID the recommendation was made by the board of directors of the club, which represents 625 members.

The recommendation was transmitted to the city council which will consider the fate of the downtown library on Oct. 14.

On that date, City Manager Jerry Keithley will submit a report on whether it would be more feasible to maintain the downtown library or tear it down and convert the site to an off-street parking lot.

If that is done, a new branch library would be built elsewhere in the downtown area.

A new main library is under construction on Newell Road adjacent to the city hall.

WALLICK said the art club's board of directors asked that the downtown facility include a branch library, facilities for a senior citizens program "and such other features as may be found desirable."

"In particular," he said, "we urge the restoration of the former art gallery in the old library for permanent displays of artists of national standing who have lived in Palo Alto."

Another group, the Committee for the Downtown Cultural Center, will hold a public meeting tomorrow to discuss plans for preserving the downtown library.

FREDERIC J. Perry, chairman of the group, said the meeting will be held tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the All Saints' Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St.

The committee is currently circulating petitions urging the city council to preserve the downtown library.

Argentina is re-equipping its sea ports with 15 million dollars in improvements in the next three years.

## 'Let's get rid of old things'

Editor of the Times:

Why all this sentiment about the old library building? If we let it stand, people might think that Palo Alto has historical ties.

Let's tear it down. For a couple of hundred thousand dollars we can have a new building, completely up-to-date, and almost one-fourth as large.

Of course we wouldn't want the new building on the same site. There must be a smaller lot available, at a price. If the lot proves to be too small we can always condemn adjacent properties. What we need at Bryant and Hamilton is a parking lot.

And while we're at it, let's tear out all that unsightly grass at our new city hall. That's where we should have parking lots.

Somehow, the existing lots were mislocated. They are where the grass should be. Cost? A mere hundred and fifty thousand, give or take a few.

There are too many old things about this town. That silly little building with the plaque saying something about electronics, the bell tower on the campus, the worthless redwood tree at the north edge of town. Just an eyesore, really. Room for another parking lot or two.

We should get rid of all the old things. That's what it takes to make a flashy, modern and successful city.

E. MARTEN,  
749 DeSoto Dr.,  
Palo Alto.

## Will it clear library issue?

Editor of the Times:

From the many letters which have appeared on the library, it is evident that great interest has been aroused.

If the present building can be modernized and utilized for not only a branch library, but for a senior citizen's center, a room for the art club and other groups at a nominal cost, then Palo Alto will have a center for which all citizens can well be proud.

We are delighted to know that City Council Committee No. 2 will hold a public meeting next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. However, we are not aware of any "tensions that have been building up," as reported in Thursday's Times. Citizens and taxpayers are vitally interested in facts.

WOMAN'S CLUB hoped that this meeting would make clear the library situation.

RS. MARION M. THOMAS,  
President,  
936 Middlefield Rd.,  
MRS. D. M. UMPHREY,  
First Vice President,  
866 Seale Ave.,  
MRS. HARRY G. BURD,  
Corresponding Secretary,  
4231 Duke Ave.



## Library issue reviewed

Editor of the Times:

I have read with great interest the many original ideas regarding the downtown Palo Alto Library. They evidence the vitality of civic interest which many people still maintain and demonstrate the contributions possible when issues are thoughtfully considered by large numbers of people.

For if we are to do more than pay lip service to the ideals of democracy, it is essential that opportunity be given interested citizens to examine every facet of a problem. No one person, or even small group of elected or appointed officials, is endowed with superhuman wisdom. Yet pressure of time often resolves issues too soon into the either-or category.

No such limitation of time would appear valid in regard to the down-town library. Perhaps a brief review would be helpful. Council Committee 2 was bogged down with parking lot problems when it authorized the city manager to appoint an advisory library committee, and gave him carte blanche to outline the scope of their study. Mr. Keithley told the committee that the council might be willing to spend about \$300,000 for a new library. Their studies showed a need for about \$400,000 for the building, exclusive of land.

They were told that the present downtown library site would sell for close to \$100,000. The city owned vacant land adjacent to the city hall. The expected logical conclusion was reached: The downtown site could be sold in order to acquire funds for a new library on city-owned land by the city hall.

Since then, though two events have changed the situation, the old recommendation lingers on. First, the citizens of Palo Alto passed a bond issue adequate to completely finance a new main library plus one branch. Second, the city purchased all the block within which the present library is located, and indicated the library site is not for sale. So far as I know, there has been no discussion by the city council as to the manner in which this property is to be developed.

A study of possibilities for redevelopment of this entire block, as Miss Cogswell has suggested, would be most interesting. Stanford students of Kathryn Siedman have prepared scale models of a number of face-lifting possibilities, which are now being exhibited at the library.

The two new libraries are currently being built, and perhaps it would be wise to wait, as the mayor's capital improvement committee recommended last spring, to determine how well these meet our needs, before we take such a drastic step as tearing down the old library and building a third edition.

Some questions which are as yet unsolved are:

1. To what extent will patronage of the downtown library decline when the new ones are completed?

2. To what extent will the children's room downtown continue to be used both by residents of the area and by mothers who visit the library while shopping?

3. What special research materials and other collections should be kept there?

4. How great is public demand for music listening areas as recommended by the library committee, but left out of the new libraries due to cost?

5. Is there need for committee rooms where seminar-type groups may take library materials which do not circulate, for group discussion?

6. Might basement space be utilized for public lavatories?

7. Might other basement space be converted for use by the adult education department for classes in ceramics, crafts, etc?

The library at present, overcrowded as it is with book shelves, obscures the attractive basic proportions of the rooms and fireplaces. If even a few of the fascinating suggestions for its use as an art and cultural center are carried out, it would give downtown Palo Alto some share in the wonderful facilities which are being developed in other parts of our city.

MILDRED CORCORAN,  
420 Seale Ave.,  
Palo Alto.

## Civic group urges library preservation

The Civic League of Palo Alto last night passed a resolution urging preservation of the downtown library as a cultural center.

The recommendation will be passed on to the city council which will determine the fate of the building on Hamilton Avenue and Bryant Street.

A report by the city staff is due next month on whether it would be more feasible to maintain the building or tear it down and convert the land to a parking lot. A new main library is being built next to the city hall on Newell Road, outside the downtown area.

If the building is torn down, the city is expected to build another branch library elsewhere in the downtown area.

A debate on the issue was held at the civic league meeting in the Palo Alto Community Center before the vote was taken.

Col. Eugene Santschi, who presented arguments favoring tearing down the building, said that in 1954, the estimate for repairs totaled \$50,000, not including modernization.

He presented figures to show that the library was filled only in the evenings during the school year. The front entrance, he declared, contains too many steps for convenient use of elderly people.

The Rev. Hugh A. Moran, who favored retaining the building, said \$120,000 would be needed to erect a new library of 4,000 square feet. The present location is ideal, he added, being close to the downtown shopping area and within walking distance of apartments and rented rooms in the downtown perimeter.

## Real service by library seen

Editor of the Times:

Re the downtown library. It seems to me that one of the reasons for the retention of a building or institution should be the service it renders.

If one should examine the records of the library they would find that it does a flourishing business in the number of people served. One need only to step inside any day at any hour to see dozens of people happily reading magazines or books or taking out reading material.

We are constantly reminded about the increase in population of our senior citizens and that their wants and needs should be considered in order to make a better life not only for them but also for their younger families. The library does a great deal for them in this regard. It is located in an area of rooming houses, small apartments and large apartment houses also hotels and these are so close that cars and parking lots are not necessary.

And there is this to be considered also. If one does not live near the library and comes downtown to shop, there it is convenient for shoppers, too. It can be reached easily on the bus.

In New York City there is a huge library at the corner of 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue in the midst of professional buildings and shops. I can't imagine the city fathers of Manhattan suggesting that it be torn down and a parking lot installed or even business buildings erected. It is unthinkable. It is!

VIVIAN WEBBE,  
915 Waverley St.,  
Palo Alto.

## Group favors renovation of main library

Formation of a new group to support plans for renovation of the present main Palo Alto library and to encourage development of "a cultural center for the senior citizens of Palo Alto" was announced today.

Called the Committee for the Downtown Cultural Center, it was formed last night at a meeting of about 15 representatives of Palo Alto churches, service clubs and civic organizations.

THE SESSION was sponsored by the Woman's Club of Palo Alto, club president Mrs. Marion M. Thomas said today.

She said representatives of the committee would attend a session of the city council tonight to ask members to hold a special meeting on the problem. A council committee is due to discuss older citizens' needs at city hall at 7:30 tonight.

Aims of the group are as follows, according to Mrs. Donald Umphrey, acting secretary of the group:

To preserve the present building at Hamilton Avenue and Bryant Street as a branch library; to provide an art gallery, musical library and listening rooms; and to provide a cultural center downtown within walking distance "for a populous part of Palo Alto," as well as the center for senior citizens.

The committee is circulating petitions which it will present to the council at a later date. Individuals and groups interested in participating in the committee's work may call Mrs. Umphrey at DA 2-1158.

## Library suggested as possible senior center for Palo Alto

A Palo Alto committee campaigning for preservation of the downtown library hopes to convert the building to a "second Little House," a spokesman said today.

Frederic J. Perry, chairman of the Committee for the Downtown Cultural Center, said a meeting will be held next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the All Saints Episcopal Church to discuss the possibility of such a conversion.

Little House is the nationally known senior service and recreation center in Menlo Park.

PERRY'S COMMITTEE is

circulating petitions calling on the city council to preserve the downtown library building after the new main library adjacent to the city hall is completed.

The council is due to take action on the library situation on Oct. 14 after receiving a report from City Manager Jerry Keithley.

Some city officials have favored tearing down the downtown library building, using the site for off-street parking and building a new branch library elsewhere in the downtown area.

PERRY SAID today that "we believe from technological data

that the old library building can be remodeled to provide advantages more cheaply than construction of a new branch library in a smaller building."

He said the committee visualizes a "cultural center" where in addition to a branch library there would be rooms for an art exhibit, for music and public concerts and for small public gatherings. There also might be recreation rooms for chess and social gatherings, he said.

Such a building could serve as "our own Little House," Perry said.

Perry recently was elected chairman of the committee. Major Oliver J. Todd was elected co-chairman.



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## FORUM LETTERS

### Factor seen in inflation

Editor of the Times:

I have often noticed in your paper reports of various public personalities deploring year to year inflation (cheapening of the dollar) in our national economy. These public figures do not seem to be able to concisely enumerate the various factors causing this spiraling inflation.

The following isolated news report may serve as an example, which when applied nationwide, as an important factor in the spiral and can be pointed out in concise terms by politicians, public figures, etc.

"San Francisco — Plaster Hodcarriers Local 36 continued to strike jobs of the Lathing and Plastering Contractors Association of San Francisco yesterday, with no new meetings scheduled.

"The union pulled its men off the association projects on Aug. 26.

"An employers spokesman said yesterday that the last meeting was held at their request. It was implied that we would meet again after an association meeting, but the union took the men off.

"We're still waiting to hear from them. We will meet with them at any time they request."

"At issue is the union's demand for a 30 cents per hour package increase consisting of 15 cents on wages, a 10 cents increase in the pension fund, and a 5 cents hike in vacation pay.

"The employer official said the union is also asking for 15-minute coffee breaks in the morning and afternoon of the workday.

"At present, pay is \$3.10 an hour, with a 10 cents welfare fund, 10 cents vacation pay and 10 cents pension fund."

HARRISON WILLIAMS,  
117 Walter Hays Drive,  
Palo Alto.

### Keep library, women urge

Editor of the Times:

Everyone knows that we are living in a period of inflation. Recently we have been warned that this will increase as consumers continue to buy luxury items, regardless of price, and thinking nothing about saving for a "rainy day." Palo Alto is a city of many retired people living on fixed incomes. They have seen their dollars shrink and taxes increase year by year. If we as private citizens need to "watch the corners" is it not wise for city councils to do likewise?

We view with apprehension the proposal to raze the old library building. This has been surveyed by prominent structural engineers and declared to be structurally sound, free from termites and dry rot. There is nothing about the building to warrant ruthless destruction. It has been estimated that this building can be remodeled to include a branch library, a senior citizen center with kitchen facilities, and also room for a cultural center—all for the expenditure of approximately 50,000 dollars. Compare this with the cost of a new branch library one-fourth the size of the present 16,000 square feet area library.

Why does the city not consider the parking area back of the library as a desirable site for a parking pavilion if this is necessary? Few cars are ever parked on these lots. We understand that the revenue from these meters and similar parking lots is almost nothing. Keep the present library, have it remodeled and curb unwarranted spending of tax dollars. The Women's Club of Palo Alto is particularly concerned about this library problem because it was this organization which was instrumental in starting the library 50 years ago.

MRS. MARION THOMAS,  
President, Palo Alto  
Women's Club,  
936 Middlefield.

MRS. DONALD UMPHREY,  
Vice president,  
866 Seale Ave.

MRS. GEORGE WHITWORTH,  
Second vice president,  
1610 Dana Ave.

MRS. HARRY KESTERSON,  
Treasurer,  
712 Garland Drive.

## Citizen slate named for library drive

A group of civic leaders have been proposed to head a committee campaigning for preservation of the downtown library as a cultural and recreation center.

The committee will be chosen at a meeting tonight of the Downtown Cultural and Recreation Center and Branch Library, according to Frederic Perry, chairman. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the parish house of the All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St.

THE SLATE of committee members proposed for election are:

Joseph Lawry, attorney; Maj. Oliver J. Todd, civil engineer; Howard L. Topping, bank executive; Merrill H. Vanderpool and Perry, retired business executives; the Rev. Hugh A. Moran, retired Presbyterian minister and former chaplain at Cornell University.

Speakers at the meeting will be Dr. Philip R. Lee of the Palo Alto Clinic, who will speak on "Geriatrics"; Major Todd, who will discuss the advantages of remodeling the old library building as a downtown cultural and recreation center and branch library; and Lawry, whose topic is "Cooperation."

The library issue will come before the city council on Oct. 14. On that date, City Manager Jerry Keithley will submit a report on whether he feels it would be better to tear down the downtown library and build a new branch elsewhere or preserve the downtown building.

A NEW MAIN library building is being built adjacent to the city hall.

The downtown library committee currently is circulating petitions calling for preservation of the old building.

## Transportation vital matter

Editor of the Times:

When considering the desirability of maintaining an adequate downtown library, strong emphasis should be given to the matter of transportation.

One trip downtown at the present time puts me within reasonable walking range of not only a library, but a wide variety of other services—a post office, banks, stores, repair and maintenance shops, and so on. Substantially the same is true in connection with one trip to California Avenue in South Palo Alto.

But it is not true regarding the new library to be built near the city hall on Newell Road. Absolutely nothing is offered there but a library. The shopping district, with banks, a post office etc., is a mile away.

That fact may mean little to persons who have automobiles. Their interest is centered upon the parking spaces available within a few feet from their destination; but it is a worrisome problem to all who, like me, have to rely upon the bus service. That service is likely to be abandoned. Then those others, like me, will have to walk. In my case, from my house the distance to be walked is a mile to the existing downtown library or to the branch in South Palo Alto. It is also a mile to the new library on Newell Road.

Without a bus service the new library will be useless to all except those who live within a short walking distance from it and persons who have automobiles available.

In the circumstances, there should be a fully equipped downtown library.

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## Senior center needed in Palo Alto

A large number of Palo Alto citizens have signed petitions urging the retention of the old library building in downtown Palo Alto and converting it into a senior citizens' center as well as using it for a branch library.

We believe their proposals have merit, but that practical considerations as well as sentiment should govern the decision.

The petitioners urge that the library building be used for a center such as Little House in Menlo Park. We believe that there is a definite need for this sort of center in Palo Alto. Our senior citizens, who have made solid contributions to the community, deserve consideration in the programs planned by the city.

One of the points to be clarified, however, is the method of financing such a center. Little House is financed by Peninsula Volunteers, through their spring party and other activities. No financing proposal is outlined in the Palo Alto petition. Even without private help, however, the center proposed merits financing through public funds.

The retention of the old library building is a matter which can be considered with or apart from the senior citizens' center.

If it is economically practicable to utilize the building as the petitioners propose, it should be done. Many old-time residents have a sentimental attachment to it, and this should be respected.

But sentiment should not be the sole guide. The size and location of the rooms must be considered, together with the cost of remodeling. A staff study on this is to be presented to the city council next Monday night.

The library committee of the city council is holding a public meeting tonight to get opinions, and also may submit a report to the council. We know that the council will give the proposals the grave consideration they merit.



# Mayor to name citizens' group to probe problems

Mayor Noel Porter of Palo Alto will appoint a citizens committee to study and make recommendations on all aspects of the University Avenue business district problem.

The committee will consider all proposals dealing with the business district's future including plans to tear down the downtown library and to build a new \$1,500,000 civic center in the downtown area.

THE ACTION followed a 2 1/2-

hour meeting held at the council chambers last night by the council's public works committee. A near-capacity crowd of some 125 merchants, property owners, city officials and residents were on hand.

The first suggestion to appoint the committee came from David Haight, owner of the Palo Alto Hardware store and spokesman for downtown merchants. Several other speakers later endorsed the idea.

"We realize some deteriora-

tion has set in in the downtown area," he said. "There is some lack of confidence but this is not peculiar to Palo Alto. It is happening all over America where peripheral shopping centers are competing with downtown areas."

He said "we believe downtown Palo Alto has a real future if some action is taken, but it must be taken now."

"The business people are not asking Palo Alto to solve all of its problems," he said, "but

we're looking to the city for leadership."

HE SUGGESTED the appointment of the citizens committee and proposed that it include representatives of the city administration, downtown property owners, businessmen and citizens-at-large.

The meeting was opened by Councilman Robert W. Byxbee, chairman of the public works committee.

Byxbee said the city council had asked the committee to

hold the meeting and determine what the city can do to help the downtown district. The downtown area, he said, is going through a period of transition.

"Five or 10 years ago," Byxbee declared, "it was a real regional shopping center. Since then it has been relegated to a district or rather a large neighborhood shopping center."

He said the district will lose another 800,000 potential cus-

## of downtown Palo Alto area

tomers in May when the new main library near the city hall is opened. He explained that the 800,000 persons who use the library each year were potential downtown customers.

"THAT COULD spell a rough summer ahead," he said.

Byxbee repeated his proposal to build a civic center, which would include a meeting area and an auditorium.

"Palo Alto offers culture," he said. "We should do all we can to promote these things."

The city council had two courses of action — either to maintain the downtown areas as a prosperous neighborhood shopping center or attempt to restore it as a regional center.

To do the latter, Byxbee said, it would be necessary to attract a big-name department store to serve as a nucleus.

Whichever course is followed, he added, the city could take part in four courses of action — review the entire neighborhood zoning, set up assessment

districts, build civic facilities or assist in planning and redevelopment.

JERROLD S. ENGLE, realtor, offered three proposals for rehabilitating the downtown area.

They are development of high density apartment areas around the downtown area, improvement of the traffic pattern and construction of more office buildings. More people living and working

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## izens' group to probe downtown Palo Alto area

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and the downtown area and assure more business, said.

Mrs. Pierre Casaurang, wife of the president of the Palo Alto Veterans Council, blamed the parking meters and the building of the city hall "out in the sticks" for the deterioration of the downtown area.

BEN LEVY, a property owner, said the city could have had big department stores if the city had permitted commercial development on University Avenue from Cowper to Middlefield Road.

"I don't know how you expect to encourage the people who invest money here if you have that attitude," he said.

Doug Couch, realtor, said he wanted to go on record as favoring Haight's plan for a citizens committee.

Councilman Dean Cresap asked Couch what merchants and property owners in other business districts might think if the council helps the University Avenue district.

Couch, former president of the Palo Alto Real Estate Board, Incorporated, replied

that the other districts won't mind as long as the city confines its help to planning and advice and allows the private interests themselves to finance whatever improvements are recommended.

HARVEY NIXON, president of the Palo Alto Citizens Association, called for construction of the civic center on the present library site, retaining the library until the new building is finished. He said two stories of parking might be built under the civic center and the entire plan might be financed by a bond issue.

Kenneth McDougall, attorney and property owner, suggested that the city eliminate downtown parking meters.

Linn Winterbotham, secretary-manager of the chamber of commerce, endorsed Haight's citizens' committee plan and offered the chamber's assistance in any study that is made.

Fred Hage, owner of Hage's M. Shop, said he has great confidence in the downtown area's future.

Several councilmen promptly endorsed the idea of appoint-

ing a committee. Councilman J. Pearce Mitchell suggested the committee be large enough to be broken up into several sub-groups which could study different phases of the downtown problem.

HE INDICATED that the committee might resolve the problem of the downtown library. Petitions to put a "save the library" proposition on the ballot next June currently are being circulated in Palo Alto.

Councilman Karl Ruppenthal said he is sure the city council won't tear down the downtown library building until a new facility is definitely in the works.

Vice Mayor James Marshall said that he regards the downtown library as "not beautiful" and he said the building definitely is below standard.

"If a fire broke out in the

basement," he said, "it might be a tragedy."

Marshall also said the city should be cautious about spending \$1,500,000 for a new civic center in this time "of depression or repression."

"WE MIGHT NEED the money for something more important," he said.

Several planning commissioners said they were averse to permitting too high a density apartment zoning and

Councilman Marshall agreed.

"This is a city of children, residents, dogs and bicycles and that's what we want to maintain," he said.

Mayor Porter said he will try to have his committee appointed within the next week or two.

He said the committee might contain two sub-groups, one to study the economic and another to look into proposed civic improvements.

## 'Put library issue on ballot'

Editor of the Times:

The citizens' opinion poll of last November resulted in 2,500 signatures of Palo Altans asking the city council to preserve the Hamilton Avenue library building. It had been thought that this would be sufficient to result in a favorable council vote. However, this poll caused only a postponement of the decision.

Therefore, a petition for a special election was undertaken. 1,548 signatures of registered voters are required to get the petition on the ballot. These notarized signatures must be presented to the council at its regular meeting on March 24.

In spite of the short time available, Palo Altans have already collected nearly 2,500 signatures. Let's put the measure on the ballot so that democracy can speak.

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President,  
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936 Middlefield Rd.,  
Palo Alto.

## Destroying building hit

Editor of the Times:

A national architectural journal has made reference to the growing tendency of our cities to replace our older public buildings with more functional facilities. In many cases this can be desirable, yet in wholesale destruction we abandon the culture and style of artistic minds of the past.

We have been sold, Madison Ave. style, the premise that change is progress.

In Palo Alto the downtown library, one of our few remaining glimpses of early Palo Alto, is soon to be sacrificed to this sort of progress. The building is structurally sound, well located, and the culture potential offered is a challenge to city hall.

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Palo Alto.



## P.A. library issue to go on Nov. ballot

The Palo Alto City Council last night decided to place an advisory proposition calling for the preservation of the downtown library on the general election ballot on Nov. 4 rather than the primary election ballot in June.

A spokesman for a petition campaign which had netted 2,500 signatures on the proposal for the referendum said she had no objection to holding the election in November rather than May.

"It's all right to postpone the election, as long as it is held," said Mrs. Marion Thomas, president of the Palo Alto Woman's Club. "We want it to be a democratic thing."

**THE QUESTION** of whether or not to hold the election produced a series of splits among the council.

Councilman J. Pearce Mitchell moved, first, to refer the petitions to committee without setting a date for the election. That motion was approved by a 9 to 5 margin.

Voting "aye" were Councilmen Stanley Bishop, Robert W. Byxbee, Dean Cresap, Burt Davis, Stanley Evans, Clifford Q. Giffin, Mitchell, Herbert Navis and Bertrum Woodward. The "no" votes were cast by Councilwoman Mildren Corcoran and Councilman James G. Marshall, Lee Rodgers, Karl Ruppenthal and Carl Stephens.

Later, Davis moved to specify now that the election be set definitely in November.

**HIS MOTION** was approved 8 to 6. Voting "aye" were Bishop, Cresap, Davis, Marshall, Mitchell, Navis, Ruppenthal and Stephens. Voting "no" were Byxbee, Mrs. Corcoran, Evans, Giffin, Rodgers and Woodward.

The petitions submitted to the council last night called for putting the matter on the ballot of the June primary election.

The proposed question to be submitted to the voters is: "Do you favor the rehabilitation of the present library building at Hamilton and Bryant for community use, including a branch library and extended cultural center?"

The petition campaign was organized by the Palo Alto Woman's Club after City Manager Jerry Keithley recommended last November that the 53-year-old downtown library

## P.A. library issue may go on Nov. ballot

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be torn down after the new library near the city hall is completed this summer.

**KEITHLEY PROPOSED** that the downtown library site be used for off-street parking.

City Attorney Robert Michalski told the council that it had to take action immediately in order to meet the deadline for placing the proposition on the June ballot.

The question, he said, is advisory. The city charter gives the city council the option of deciding whether or not to put the proposition on the ballot and the council need not be bound by the results, he said.

Councilman Mitchell, moving to refer the petition to committee for further study, called the election proposal "premature."

**HE POINTED OUT** that a recently-appointed citizens' committee is studying overall planning for the downtown area and it would presumably would come up with recommendations on what should be done with the downtown library.

"We should delay action for at least a year," he said.

Before Councilman Mitchell's motion came to a vote, Councilman Davis proposed setting the election date in November rather than June.

"I agree with Dr. Mitchell that this matter could not be considered adequately between now and June," he said. "But I also believe it is inevitable for this matter to be decided by poll. It would be advisable to put this matter on the November ballot and that would steady the situation so that the pros and cons could be adequately developed before the people go to the polls."

Mrs. Corcoran called Davis's proposal "a delaying tactic."

"I will oppose a delay," she said. "It is not justified in view of the need for the building."



PALO ALTO HISTORICAL

Palo Alto's Carnegie library on Hamilton Avenue opened in 1904.

## 'Dream-like' proposal hit

Editor of the Times:

A dream-like statement is being made that a new, small, downtown branch library can be built and cost the taxpayer nothing. The present library would be torn down, the dream proceeds, and the site "purchased" by the city's parking meter fund. Then parking meter revenues from the present library site would "pay for a new branch library." Somehow, since this would not appear on your tax bill, the dream concludes, it would cost the taxpayers nothing!

If this bit of financial fantasy is believed by the city official to whom it is attributed, he should dream less and study his accounting more.

The idea that land and buildings bought with parking meter revenues really cost nothing is sheer nonsense. What is the difference between taxpayers' dollars collected via the tax bill and taxpayers' dollars exacted via the parking meter? These same parking meter dollars could be put into the general fund to reduce taxes. They could be used to finance critically needed city projects. Or parking could again be free in downtown Palo Alto.

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## AROUND THE BEATS:

### Ideas on improving P.A. center pouring in

By ART GERMAN

**COUNCILMAN ROBERT W. BYXBEE** called for ideas this week at the opening meeting of a citizens' committee which will study proposals to improve the economic status of the downtown Palo Alto business district.

The chances look mighty bright that Byxbee's plea is going to get an overwhelming response. The evidence seems clear-cut that when it comes to ideas, Palo Alto has got a million of 'em.

Some of them already are pouring in, even though Byxbee, chairman of the citizens' committee, asked that they be submitted when the group meets again next Tuesday.

**AND SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED** by Byxbee himself.

At this week's meeting, Byxbee spoke about installing more benches for tired downtown shoppers, building tall apartment houses "like Park Merced" to provide a "big captive audience" of shoppers for the downtown district, and encouraging the construction of more business buildings downtown.

He previously has spoken of construction of a 1½-million-dollar community center in the downtown area and the possible relocation of the downtown firehouse and the use of the present firehouse site for off-street parking.

When it comes to ideas, Byxbee is not a man to be taken lightly. And he is only one man of 17 on the citizens' committee.

**THIS WEEK, IT SEEMED AS THOUGH** most of them were straining at the leash, just waiting for a chance to tell the city about their ideas.

Some of the ideas just couldn't wait until next Tuesday, when the committee is supposed to consider them.

Councilman Karl Ruppenthal, who is not even a member of the citizens' committee, put his ideas in writing and distributed mimeographed brochures around the committee room.

One idea, the proposal for a 90-day parking meter holiday, was tabled by the committee for the time being. But Ruppenthal's pamphlet contains other ideas which will be considered in due time.

He proposes, among other things, a series of bonuses for outside residents who spend \$10 in the city. The bonuses would include free use of the Palo Alto library for a month, one free use of the Palo Alto city dump, a round trip bus ticket during off-peak hours and free admission to a movie matinee.

**ANOTHER MAN WITH AN IDEA—AND** with a mimeographed brochure to disseminate it—is William F. Jones, an engineer, of 2351 Santa Catalina St. Jones said the downtown area can ill afford to lose the 400 persons per day who use the downtown library and who potentially would no longer come downtown when the new main library at the city hall opens this summer.

His pamphlet, circulated among members of the committee, called for development of a combined cultural center and branch library located in the downtown library building.

There will be no shortage of ideas; that much seems clear. The new committee's chief problem would seem to be what it is going to do with all those ideas after it receives them.



## Keep library on present site

Editor of the Times:

Regarding the downtown library, I most vigorously protest the removal of the building and filling the corner with parking meters. Put the meters over on the Lytton Avenue corner, then they will be nearer University Avenue, and keep the library on the present site. That corner is ideal for a library and the only corner in town that is, and should be retained for that use.

There are traffic signals at the corner which help protect pedestrians crossing the intersection, and the Lytton Avenue corner has none.

If it is not feasible to enlarge the present building, then have it removed and a new building put on the site, one of which the people of Palo Alto can be proud, not a ranch style — that style is all right on a ranch but not for a public library, which should have dignity and beauty.

There was money found to build a city hall away from the downtown district, also another library, also a golf course, so, with the huge amount being collected from the city sales tax, our city government can get funds for a downtown library which will supply the needs of all our citizens. No doubt there are more people using the library than the golf course, and the former pays taxes, too.

Palo Alto has the reputation of being one of the most beautiful cities on the Peninsula, with its many trees, shrubs, and flowers, and now our city planners have an opportunity to show how beautiful they can make the library corner.

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## FORUM

### Do they mean end of thrift?

Editor of the Times:

When we chose to live in Palo Alto 12 years ago, we were impressed by the enviable reputation for economical and graft-free operation built up over many years by the city government.

As Palo Alto has increased in population, we have realized the necessity for the installation of a city managership which would still be stabilized by the representative council.

When our city government voted to join the rest of the county in levying a 1 per cent sales tax, we understood that our residential property tax would be correspondingly lowered. Has this been done?

Now, we are shocked by the intention of our city government to spend \$200,000 to build a new 4,000-square-foot downtown branch library when by paying out only \$50,000, they could renovate the existing Hamilton and Bryant structure and have 16,000 square feet of library and community activity space.

First the 1 per cent sales tax, second the excessive and unnecessary spending of \$200,000 of our tax money for one-fourth the space that \$50,000 could buy.

Is this the beginning of a new trend in Palo Alto municipal government? Are the words "economy and thrift" no longer used in the same sentence with municipal spending?

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# Detailed report by Keithley outlines deficiencies of Palo Alto Library building

A 36-page report is the latest bit of fuel to be added to Palo Alto's downtown library controversy. The report, entitled "Library Facilities in the Downtown Palo Alto Area," was prepared under the direction of City Manager Jerry Keithley and was submitted to the council this week.

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**THE NEATLY BOUND** and carefully prepared document reviews Palo Alto's library program since 1954 when the League of Women Voters reported that the present downtown library is "obsolete" and should be replaced by a new modern library. It traces the library situation through March of 1957, when the council appropriated bond funds to build

a new main and branch library in 1957-58 and a University Avenue branch in 1958-59.

But the kernel of the report, the one likely to provoke continuing opposition among residents in the weeks to come, is Keithley's recommendation for the downtown library:

"It has been concluded that the benefits to be gained do not justify the substantial expenditures required (to rehabilitate the building). To continue to maintain the present main library building as a public facility would be incompatible with the high standards and objectives which have been established and pursued by the city council in recent years."

**KEITHLEY goes on to recom-**

mend that the downtown building be demolished, so that the site could be sold to the parking meter fund and be used for off-street parking. The \$80,000 estimated as the sale price would go a long way toward paying for a new, modern downtown library branch—estimated cost, \$100,000.

Keithley's recommendation had been expected by groups which hope to preserve the downtown library—possibly for use as a recreation and social center for senior citizens.

But many were taken aback by the large number of things which Keithley found wrong with the structure—shortcomings which would have to be corrected if the building were to continue to be used by the public after the main library is moved to its new quarters.

"Why," many asked, "didn't the city staff keep the library building repaired during recent years? Why did the city allow the building to deteriorate?"

**KEITHLEY'S** reply was that he was waiting for the city council to establish a policy on the fate of the building. He implied that it was not worth spending substantial money on as long as there was a chance it would soon be torn down.

Some of Keithley's complaints about the downtown library building are as follows:

1. The electric service is overloaded and too highly fused.
2. The furnace located in the basement area must be enclosed in one-hour fire resistive enclosure. . . . It is recommended that the entire heating unit be removed and a new unit installed.
3. The stairway leading to the basement . . . must be reconstructed to provide adequate head room and approved hand rails.
4. There are a number of roof leaks throughout the building. The roof sags noticeably on the left wing due mainly to heavy loads imposed by existing ceramic tile roofing material.
5. The floor construction in the major portion of the right rear building consists of one-inch glass sections. . . . It is recommended that the floor area be reconstructed with a conventional wood frame.
6. Roof skylights do not conform to building code requirements.
7. Rain leader downspouts have been broken.
8. Many doorways are less than the 6-foot 8-inch minimum.
9. Toilet rooms in the basement have obsolete fixtures.
10. The stairway leading to the men's room is unsafe because of non-conforming spiral construction.

**THE COMMITTEE** is certain to give both sides plenty of opportunity to state their cases. The two sides are those who feel the library building is stately, historic, still useful, and an asset to Palo Alto, and those who think the building is obsolete and should be torn down, with the site devoted to more off-street parking for Palo Alto's downtown area.

Keithley's report is due to get careful scrutiny from the city council in the months to come. The report and the entire issue of what to do about the downtown library has been turned over to Committee No. 2 (library committee) for further study.

**THESE ARE** only some of the defects mentioned by Keithley. A complete job of reconstruction would cost from \$52,100 to \$71,468 depending on various

## Porter plans citizen study of library

Mayor Noel Porter today announced that he will appoint a citizens' committee within two weeks to study the downtown library question and other problems related to recreational facilities in the downtown area.

Porter's announcement was the latest development in a controversy over the fate of the 53-year-old library building on Hamilton Avenue. There were these other developments today:

1. Mrs. Marion Thomas, president of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto which is conducting a petition campaign to place the library issue on the ballot, charged the city is purposely neglecting the downtown library. She said the library is not even being cleaned.
2. City Attorney Robert Michalski said in his opinion, the city council will have to put the issue on the ballot if the women's club presents petitions with the required number of valid signatures (1,548).

**MRS. THOMAS** said the woman's club is sponsoring the signature drive to place the fate of the downtown library building on the ballot of the June 3 primaries as an "advisory proposition."

The city charter sets up the machinery for placing "advisory propositions" on the ballot, but the city council need not be guided by the results, Michalski said.

However, the library petition

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## Library site in town urged

Editor of the Times:

In a recent article in a national weekly under Medicine was the following statement made by the director of Detroit's Luther Haven located in a busy shopping area. "Our residents want to see the world go by. Doctors approve moving the old people down town because it is a morale booster. They want to stay near the activity of life. They want to feel they still belong to society."

This represents the thinking of many of our senior citizens in Palo Alto as well as many younger people who want the library at Bryant and Hamilton preserved. They feel that it is the ideal location for a senior citizens' center, a branch library, as well as a possible center for other civic groups in which to hold their meetings.

To destroy this valuable, well-built building would be to wantonly plough under \$70,000 plus cost of demolition! (The city places the value of the building at \$70,000.) Why should the citizens of Palo Alto allow this to happen?

WINIFRED W. DRESBACH,  
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Palo Alto.



# P.A. council postpones

Palo Alto city councilman last night put off a decision on what to do with the downtown library building, after hearing a report from City Manager Jerry Keithley calling the 53-year-old structure "incompatible with (Palo Alto's) high standards and recommending the building be torn down to make way for an off-street parking lot. The recommendation evoked considerable hostility among an audience of some 100 persons and several councilmen indicated they would not go along with Keithley's plan.

**THE ISSUE** was finally referred to Committee No. 2 (public safety, recreation and library) for further study. The council was presented with petitions containing 2,396 signatures urging preservation of the downtown library when the new main library adjacent to the city hall is completed next year.

The petitions were presented by Frederic J. Perry, chairman of the Committee for a Downtown Cultural Center, which has been spearheading the drive to preserve the library. "These petitions show the affection the people have for this building," said Perry. "It is a devotion that is hard to describe."

Keithley's long-awaited library report was submitted to the city council last night.

**THE DETAILED** report stated that the downtown library is below building code standards in many respects. Most of the basement area cannot be used by the public because the ceiling is below the eight-foot requirement. Many doorways are lower than the six-foot eight-inch minimum. The roof leaks

## Arguments given for old library

Editor of the Times:

Facts not to be overlooked by those who sign the petition to preserve our downtown library as a branch library and cultural center:

The cost is an important matter. No estimate on its rehabilitation has been stated as more than \$71,000. The proposed new downtown branch library building, not including the cost of the new lot, stated to be \$70,000, would be at the lowest estimate, twice that amount. This new building to have only 4,000 square feet.

The floor space of the old library is 16,000 square feet, 8,000 of which at the present time, is in usable condition, as stated in the city manager's report of date Oct. 14, 1957. The other 8,000 square feet, though not exactly meeting our present day standards, could be put to many economical community uses.

The downtown library is important to many people. It supplies necessary facilities to residents of the downtown area, many of whom have no automobiles. They combine a visit to the library with shopping on University Avenue.

There has long been a need for a cultural center for art exhibits, for good music with ear phones and where discussion groups may meet. Since Palo Alto is supposed to be a cultural center, it is appropriate that we have these facilities.

The library building is one of the few remaining examples in the area of early California architecture. Structural engineers have pronounced it as completely sound, and it has withstood many earthquakes without any damage.

MRS. MARION THOMAS,  
President,  
Woman's Club of Palo Alto.

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## decision on library issue

and sags. Electrical circuits are overloaded. Fire construction is below standard. The plumbing system needs repair.

He said only about half of the 16,000 square feet on both floors of the library could be used by the public. Keithley said the city staff and several independent contractors had made estimates ranging from \$52,100 to \$71,468 to bring the building up to code.

**KEITHLEY** concluded:

"The benefits to be gained do not justify the substantial expenditures required. To con-

tinue to maintain the present main library building as a public facility would be incompatible with the high standards and objectives which have been established and pursued by the city council in recent years."

He went on to recommend that a new 4,000 square foot branch library be constructed on city-owned property opposite Cogswell Plaza, at the corner of Bryant Street and Lytton Avenue.

To finance the project he recommended demolishing the present downtown library, selling the site to the parking meter fund for at least \$80,000 and using the money to help pay for the \$100,000 branch library.

**THE BRYANT** Street branch library site cost \$70,000, of which \$50,000 would come from parking meter funds because 10,000 of the 14,000-square-foot site would be used for off-street parking. The remaining \$20,000 would come from the general fund.

He indicated the total cost would be less than the \$52,100 minimum required to renovate the present library.

"In addition," he said, "off-street parking facilities would gain an additional 15,000 net square feet and the city would have one square block of land available for future multistory parking."

Multistory parking has been envisioned for the block now occupied by the library—bounded by Hamilton, Ramona, Bryant and Forest.

**KEITHLEY** said he foresees the possibility of eliminating meter parking on this one-block parking area and replacing the meters with attendants or "gate-type" parking so shoppers won't have to worry about overstaying the time limits and getting cited by police.

After Keithley ended his report, Perry agreed that the building can be renovated for \$50,000 but he said the expenditure is worth it.

Mrs. Marion M. Thomas, president of the Women's Club of Palo Alto, urged the city council to retain "this classical landmark."

**"SIMPLY** because the library building happens to be 53 years old is not a valid reason for its destruction," she said. "How many buildings on the Stanford campus are of the same vintage?"

She accused Keithley of "juggling figures" to show it would be more economical to build a new branch library.

Later, she and the city manager engaged in a private conversation during a recess and Keithley hotly denied that he juggled any figures.

Edward Gregg, president of the Palo Alto Civic League, told the council that the advantages of tearing down the downtown library "are not so overwhelming that the council should go against the wishes of an over-

whelming number of the older residents."

**SEVERAL** councilmen indicated sympathy for Gregg's view.

"If 2,500 persons will sign a petition," said Councilman James Marshall, "I can't see how I could vote to tear it down. I realize the city needs parking, but I feel we can provide it without going against this wave of people who have signed a petition."

Councilwoman Mildred Corcoran said she doesn't agree with Keithley's conclusion, although she feels "his premise is good." She commended the city manager for his complete report.

Mayor Noel Porter said he favored a motion to refer the matter to committee for further study because the library can't be torn down anyway until the new main library is opened.

**"SENTIMENTAL** reasons are a valid basis for an opinion," he said, "but the council has to weigh sentimentality against other factors."

Councilman Lee Rodgers said Porter was "oversimplifying" the issue by declaring that only sentimentality is involved.

"There are other factors," he said. "There is the matter of getting more space for less money."

Councilman Burt Davis did not specifically bring up his proposal to establish a senior center in the Lytton School site but he said that the senior center issue should be studied, along with the fate of the downtown library. Davis is chairman of the library committee which will study the issue.

Mayor Porter told the audience that the committee will give the issue "every fair consideration" and he promised "many more meetings" before the matter is resolved.

## Must they accept dictation?

Editor of the Times:

In your report that "Opposing groups clash on downtown library issue," it seems significant that the clash is between business interests which want another downtown parking lot and thousands of downtown residents who like their library and protest its destruction.

Is it not obvious that a library is for people who read and that the parking lot is proposed to increase the value of nearby property? Does Palo Alto need a Society for the Protection of Readers against Parking Lot Promoters?

As was pointed out in a recent letter from Vivian Webbe published in the Palo Alto Times, New York City has not torn down the library on Fifth Avenue, although the building is old and the site might indeed be valuable for a parking lot.

Can Palo Alto citizens vote on this issue, or must they accept a decision dictated against their interests?

(MRS.) L. C. WILLIAMS,  
302 Forest Ave.,  
Palo Alto.



# Opposing groups clash on downtown

Forces demanding preservation of the downtown Palo Alto library and those urging its destruction met head-on last night for the first time during a public hearing sched-

uled by a city council committee.

Descriptions of the 53-year-old structure ranged all the way from "decrepit and obso-

lete" to "structurally sound and stately."

Committee No. 2 Chairman Burt Davis stuck by his announced intention of making no recommendation before the

issue goes before the city council next Monday.

At that time, the council will consider a report forthcoming from City Manager Jerry Keith-

ley on the feasibility of keeping or tearing down the downtown library when the new main library adjacent to the city hall is completed next year.

when the replacement structures can be operated more inexpensively.

"Civic development is based on destroying the old and building the new," he said. "Sometimes it is necessary to do this and it is not bad morally or otherwise."

Rohrs's words provoked the greatest hostility among the pro-library adherents.

**THE ALTERNATIVES** are keeping the downtown library as a social, arts and recreation center as well as a branch library, or tearing it down, using the site for off-street parking and building a new branch elsewhere in the downtown area.

Some 75 persons, many of them residents who hope to see the library become a senior recreation center, turned out for the committee meeting in the city council chambers.

The opening speaker was Mrs. Donald Umphrey, representing the Palo Alto Women's Club. She said she came out of a sick bed to make her presentation.

Mrs. Umphrey called the library building "a historical building like the Palo Alto Tree (El Palo Alto)."

**HOWARD TOPPING**, chairman of the Palo Alto chapter of the Red Cross, said he was speaking as an individual. He said the library site is "an ideal spot" for a senior center which would serve the increasing population of older residents.

Ryland Kelley, representing Professional Building Incorporated, which owns nearby property, said that the potential parking space on the site is a necessity for the healthy development of the surrounding business district.

"If we fail to take this opportunity to obtain the parking," he said, "no other opportunity will come along."

Hugh Jackson, president of the chamber of commerce, said the chamber's board of directors has reiterated its stand of last July to abandon the old library building and erect a new branch elsewhere in the downtown area.

He said there is, indeed, a strong need for a senior center and he added that the chamber is backing a comprehensive study to lay the groundwork "for a fine, all-around senior center."

**KEN THOITS**, executive secretary of Downtown Palo Alto Association, said his group also feels that the site must be used for parking.

He said property on Bryant Street, across from the library, will develop soon "into an area of major importance" if the parking space is available.

His association favors a senior center for Palo Alto, he said, "but it should be an adequate building, not a decrepit obsolete building."

**RAYMOND ROHRS**, a director of both the chamber and the downtown group, said he saw nothing wrong with the destruction of old facilities

**WILLIAM JONES**, a civil engineer, said he "can't see any need to pull down this building just because it's old. I go downtown now and I see all these monstrosities being built. In contrast, it's a pleasure to see a stately building like the library."

Jones said he has lived in Palo Alto only two years so the library gives him no nostalgic associations. But on behalf of the older residents who remember the library building when it was first erected, Jones said "all our lives are based on what has happened in the past. Soon there aren't going to be any buildings at all that can be associated with the past."

Mrs. Florine O'Shea, 720 Cowper, called the attitude of the business interests "greedy and disgusting."

"There's been many a person who has died of loneliness because he has had no place to go," she said. "Now they want to take down our library building."

**"EVEN WALL STREET** has an old church and even a graveyard," she said. "Palo Alto has only one building worth saving. That's the library."

Two engineers, John Brisbin Rutherford and Major O. J. Todd, said they found the building structurally sound and expressed the opinion that it could be adequately remodeled at modest cost.

Rutherford admitted, however, that his estimate of "modest cost" pertains only to structural condition of the building and does not take into consideration the improvement of lighting, plumbing and other factors.

Frederic Perry, chairman of the newly organized Committee for the Downtown Cultural Center and Branch Library, said that Palo Alto—"a cultural community"—urgently needs a cultural center "to which the library can easily be converted."

**HE POINTED OUT** that the city carries \$70,000 worth of fire insurance on the library building and he asked: "Is it good judgment to destroy something worth \$70,000 when you can go nearby and take cheap dwelling houses for off-street parking lots?"

An unidentified woman suggested that the library building be used as an inter-racial center "which might set a good

## library issue

example for integration to the South."

R. E. Hackley, perennial critic of council policies, had a twinkle in his eye as he suggested that "the way the Russians are going we won't have to tear down any buildings... they'll do it for us."

He said he liked the appearance of the library "and at least it doesn't have that stuffiness you feel when you go into a modern slab house."

The final speaker was the Rev. F. Danford Lion, pastor of the Palo Alto Unitarian Church, who said the council's primary consideration "should be the well-being of all the people—even before business and money."

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## 1,000 sign petitions to retain library

Some 1,000 signatures already have been obtained in a petition campaign to save the downtown Palo Alto library building, according to Mrs. Donald Umphrey, acting secretary of the Committee for the Downtown Cultural Center.

Mrs. Umphrey said the campaign will continue until Oct. 14 when the petitions will be presented to the city council.

**THE COMMITTEE** urges renovation of the downtown library as a combination art gallery, music library and listening rooms, senior citizens center and branch library.

A survey of whether it would be more feasible to retain the building at Hamilton Avenue and Bryant, or tear it down and replace it with another library branch elsewhere in the downtown area, is currently being made by the Palo Alto city staff.

A new main library is under construction adjacent to the city hall on Newell Road outside the downtown area and will replace the downtown library when it is completed.

Mrs. Umphrey said response to the petition campaign has been particularly enthusiastic among people who live within walking distance of the present building.

**A NUMBER** of service clubs and church organizations are helping to circulate the petitions and individual residents are calling up and offering to help, Mrs. Umphrey said.

"Our aim," she said, "is to show through the petitions that the people of Palo Alto want to keep the downtown library building."

A new branch library building downtown would not be as large as the present one, she said, and could not be used for a variety of purposes.

She said independent engineering surveys show the downtown building can be remodeled for about \$50,000.

## 'Dream-like' proposal hit

Editor of the Times:

A dream-like statement is being made that a new, small, downtown branch library can be built and cost the taxpayer nothing. The present library would be torn down, the dream proceeds, and the site "purchased" by the city's parking meter fund. Then parking meter revenues from the present library site would "pay for a new branch library." Somehow, since this would not appear on your tax bill, the dream concludes, it would cost the taxpayers nothing!

If this bit of financial fantasy is believed by the city official to whom it is attributed, he should dreamless and study his accounting more.

The idea that land and buildings bought with parking meter revenues really cost nothing is sheer nonsense. What is the difference between taxpayers' dollars collected via the tax bill and taxpayers' dollars exacted via the parking meter? These same parking meter dollars could be put into the general fund to reduce taxes. They could be used to finance critically needed city projects. Or parking could again be free in downtown Palo Alto.

L. S. FLETCHER,  
1030 Parkinson Ave.,  
Palo Alto.

## Senior citizens' spirits 'lifted'

Editor of the Times:

The favorable reception being accorded the solicitation of signatures on the petition for the retention of the present structure and site for a downtown library and related activities has provided a real "lift" to the spirits of our senior citizens residing in the area to be directly served by the expanded facility.

No right-thinking person will object to an expenditure of city funds for the provision of space, facilities, and personnel to serve such long neglected needs as those common to oldsters and the physically handicapped. Their wish to have such activities housed in the present substantially sound library building, conveniently located for their needs, as reflected by the petition signatures, should be accepted by our city council in the absence of conclusive facts dictating some other course of action.

An additional "lift" can be provided in the alteration of the present structure by a provision of elevator service for all levels of floor use by oldsters and the physically handicapped. Expensive? Elevators are costly, but in an era where hundreds of thousands of city treasury funds are being spent for other worthwhile projects, the expense of an elevator installation is certainly not a luxury.

G. E. MONSON,  
2374 Cowper St.,  
Palo Alto.



## Waverley Club backs move to preserve P.A. library

The Waverley Club this week became the fourth Palo Alto organization to endorse preservation of the downtown Palo Alto library as a cultural and recreation center.

Col. Alex Campbell, president, said the club's membership voted unanimously to back preservation of the library and the recommendation has been sent to the city council.

**THE WAVERLEY CLUB** is a 40-year-old interdenominational men's organization. It meets monthly at the All Saints Episcopal Church parish house.

Resolutions urging preservation of the library were approved previously by the Palo Alto Art Club, Palo Alto Civic League and Women's Club of Palo Alto.

On Oct. 14, the city council will receive a report from City Manager Jerry Keithley on the feasibility of preserving the downtown library when the new main library, now under construction near the city hall, is completed.

**AN ALTERNATE** proposal under consideration is to raze the downtown library, use the site for off-street parking and build a new branch library elsewhere in the downtown area.

A campaign to preserve the downtown library as a cultural and recreation center is being spearheaded by a citizens committee headed by Frederic Perry, a retired businessman.

Perry said that more than

2,000 signatures have been obtained in a petition campaign. The petitions will be submitted to the city council.

## P.A. Council to discuss library

Palo Alto's downtown library controversy will come officially before the city council Monday night when City Manager Jerry Keithley will present a report on the feasibility of tearing down the 53-year-old structure.

At the same time, a pro-library citizen's committee will present a petition with 2,200 names urging preservation of the library building as a senior social and recreation center.

The library issue is a major item in what promises to be a long council meeting. The council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the city council chambers.

Among other items on the agenda are:

1. A recommendation by Committee No. 4 to approve a change of plans by Stanford University for the Palo Alto-Stanford hospital — to build cardiology and neurology laboratories in space previously allotted for expansion of the clinical laboratories.

2. A recommendation by Committee No. 3 in favor of permitting the City of Los Altos to use the Palo Alto sewerage system on a temporary basis.

## Council to hear library report at meet tonight

The Palo Alto City Council will officially open discussion on the downtown library controversy tonight at 7:30 in the council chambers.

City Manager Jerry Keithley will present a report on the feasibility of tearing down the structure, and a pro-library citizens committee will present a 2,200-name petition urging preservation of the library for a senior social and recreation center.

A letter from the Women's Club of Palo Alto, signed by Mrs. Marion M. Thomas, president, will be read to the council. The letter states the club is "delighted to know that the chamber of commerce is endorsing a senior citizens center." It adds that "simply because the library building happens to be 53 years old is not a valid reason for its destruction."

**ALSO ON TONIGHT'S** agenda is a recommendation by Committee No. 4 to approve a change of plans by Stanford University for the Palo Alto-Stanford hospital. The change involves building cardiology and neurology laboratories in space previously allotted for expansion of the clinical laboratories.

The council, in addition, will also consider a recommendation by Committee No. 3 favoring the use of Palo Alto sewerage facilities by the City of Los Altos on a temporary basis.

## Plan to use school as senior center gets cool reception

Councilman Burt Davis's proposal to use the Lytton School site as a future senior center for Palo Alto residents was given a cool reception today by two key figures in senior center planning.

Frederic J. Perry, chairman of the Committee for the Downtown Cultural Center, said the Lytton School site is too far from the downtown area to do much good for the majority of Palo Alto's senior citizens.

**AND HUGH** Jackson, president of the chamber of com-

merce, said that the choice of any senior center site should await the outcome of a study being urged by the chamber.

Perry's committee is campaigning for the preservation of the downtown library as a senior center when the new main library adjacent to the city hall is completed next year.

Perry said he will present a petition with 2,200 signatures to the city council on Monday night. The petitions call for preservation of the library.

**THE COUNCIL** also will receive a report from City Manager Jerry Keithley on the feasibility of tearing down the downtown library, using the space for off-street parking and building a new branch elsewhere in the downtown area.

Councilman Davis said he will present his proposal for a study into the possible use of the Lytton School site for a senior center Monday night.

School officials are considering eliminating the school, oldest in Palo Alto, because it is more expensive to operate than the newer schools.

Perry commented that the downtown library is an ideal location for a senior center and the Lytton School is not.

**"IT IS** next door to my home," said Perry, "but the majority of the old-timers would have too far to go."

Jackson said he feels that at least two or three senior centers will have to be spotted around Palo Alto to serve older residents adequately.

He said that perhaps the Lytton School site would be a good one, but he would have no definite opinion until the study is completed.

The chamber has appointed the Rev. R. Marvin Stuart, pastor of the First Methodist Church, to head a group which will study the need for a senior center.

**THE CHAMBER** favors using the downtown library site for parking and opposes its use as a senior center.

"I feel the senior citizens deserve something better than a musty, old building," Jackson said. "A lot of them feel mistakenly that the library is their last big hope, but there is no reason for them to feel that way. A modern, adequate senior center can be built elsewhere."

## cool down?

Editor of the Times:

Many taxpayers in Palo Alto were no doubt amazed, as were we, to read that Councilman Burt L. Davis, chairman of Committee 2, reported that it was just as well to make no immediate plans for calling a meeting of his committee to discuss the downtown library.

We were still more amazed to read that this would give people's emotions a chance "to cool down." Instead of "cooling off" as Dr. Davis indicates, this movement to "save the library" may gain momentum.

When the Commonwealth Club of California postpones voting on a measure, it is for the purpose of "getting the facts" — never for the purpose of "cooling off!"

Does Councilman Davis believe that City Manager Keithley's report is the last word? Isn't it possible that there may be some misleading conclusions? If Dr. Davis owned a building worth \$75,000 would he have any "emotion" about having it destroyed, especially when it could be remodeled at minimum expense to serve many purposes? He must not forget that the library is Palo Alto property.

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto started the library and with the help of Andrew Carnegie, the library came into being. We believe its usefulness can be extended many years even as many of the Stanford University buildings of the same vintage.

MRS. MARION M. THOMAS,  
President Woman's Club  
of Palo Alto,  
936 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto.  
MRS. ELIZABETH LAUGHLIN,  
Chairman civic affairs,  
628 Webster St., Palo Alto.  
MRS. HENRY L. BRODERSON,  
Co-chairman civic affairs,  
1310 Cotton Ave., Menlo Park.

## Woman's Club to study budget

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto will hold a business meeting Wednesday at 2 p.m. to present the budget for the new club year. The meeting will be at the clubhouse.

Mrs. Donald M. Umphrey, duce Cmdr. Roland Riggs, retired naval officer, who will speak on "Travel in Europe" and show slides.

Tea will be served by Mrs. Walter Pearson, chairman, and her committee, Mrs. C. H. Bowman, Edna Allison, Mrs. Clifford Spencer, Mrs. Harold W. Brann and Mrs. Willard C. Morrison. Mrs. Lynn A. Smith is in charge of decorations.



Copy Mrs. Thomas ✓

" Mrs. Broderick

PUBLIC MEETING SEPT. 24 1957 AT THE  
PARISH HOUSE - ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Pres. Thomas: The meeting will please come to order.

The Womens Club of Palo Alto, who have sponsored this public meeting, would like to ask those present to elect our temporary appointees as permanent members of the "Committee on the Down Town Cultural and Recreational Center and Branch Library" at the Old Library building corner of Hamilton and Bryant, when the present Library moves to its new building adjoining the City Hall. These appointees for whom we ask your approval are:

Frederic J. Perry, retired business executive, Chairman Palo Alto Red Cross Advisory ~~County~~ <sup>Council</sup>, Chairman

Major Oliver J. Todd, Engineer, Consultant on Flood Control, Co-Chairman

Howard L. Topping, Bank Executive, Chairman, Palo Alto Red Cross Governing Board

Merrill H. Vanderpool, Retired business executive, <sup>Former Chairman of</sup> Board, Palo Alto Unified School District

Joseph Lawry, Attorney, Palo Alto

We trust this meeting will nominate and elect the foregoing persons giving them authority to appoint new members to their committee. We also trust you will approve Messrs. Perry and Todd as Chairman and Co chairman respectively.

Do I hear a motion to that effect?

Second?

All those in favor will please say "aye".

Contrary minded: No

The motion is carried. Thank you! Will Messrs. Todd and Perry please come forward and take charge of the meeting.

Guy Wallock. Retired Bus. Executive -

I declare election -  
Philip E. Lee ask to be on Committee

We are circulating petition -



ck Mrs Thomas

P.O.Box 511 Palo Alto, Cal.  
September 25, 1957

Dr. Philip R. Lee  
Palo Alto Medical Clinic,  
300 Homer Ave.  
Palo Alto, Cal.

Dear Dr. Lee:

Many thanks for your informative and good humored talk on the personal problems of our Senior Citizens at our public meeting last night at All Saints Parish House.

We are delighted to know you will serve on our "Committee for a Downtown Cultural and Recreational Center and Branch Library" with Major Oliver J. Todd, and Messrs. Joseph Lawry, Howard L. Topping, Merrill M. Vanderpool, Guy P. Wallick and yours truly.

Mrs. Marion Thomas, president and the members of the Womens Club of Palo Alto and their friends, who sponsored our meeting, are doing all the running around for us, circulating our petitions to the City Council, etc. etc.

I cannot refrain from mentioning our appreciation of your reference to the Hobson House of New York City and the therapeutic value of a cultural and recreation center for us "oldsters" and how the more people who use and enjoy such a center in Palo Alto the more it will cut down the work load of doctors and hospitals. As you laughingly remarked, "Maybe it won't be a good thing for our business but it will be a good thing for you people." We all got a good laugh out of that. No wonder they say: "The more people you meet, the more fun you have"

Thanks again, Doctor, for your talk and your willingness to serve on our Committee. Warmest regards!

Yours faithfully,

*F. J. Perry*



c/c  
✓ Mrs. Thomas  
Mrs. Broderson  
Major Todd

Palo Alto, Cal.  
September 18, 1957

Mr. Al. Bodi, Editor,  
Palo Alto Times  
Palo Alto, Cal.

Dear Al :

Inspired by the excellent work of the Little House in Menlo Park to which so many Palo Altans have contributed so much, our "Committee for a Cultural and Recreational Center and Branch Library" hopes we may have our own Little House in our old and beloved Carnegie Library building at Hamilton and Bryant when the present Library moves to its new location near the City Hall.

Our Committee visualizes a "Cultural Center" where in addition to a branch library we may have rooms in the remodeled building for an art exhibit, for music and public concerts and a room for smaller public gatherings not requiring the area of the Community Center. We hope we may have recreational rooms where those of us who play chess and other games may meet and enjoy the company of other enthusiasts.

A public meeting will be held at the Parish House of All Saints Episcopal Church next Tuesday, September 24th at 7.30 P.M. to discuss the desirability of a "Cultural and Recreational Center and Branch Library" at the old Library. We believe from the technological data supplied to us by qualified persons that the old Library building can be remodeled to provide for all these advantages more cheaply than to construct a new branch library in a smaller building without the above named cultural and recreational areas.

Those of us who live in the "down town" section and those of us who are "old timers" and wish to keep the old Library building must convince those in authority that the structure may, without excessive cost, be remodeled into a "Branch Library and Cultural and Recreational Center". We, the people, must beat the waiting bull-dozers to it if we wish to preserve our own "Little House" to be.

Cordially,

(Signed)

Frederic J. Berry  
Frederic J. Berry  
P.O. Box 511 Palo Alto, Cal.

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## THE PRESERVATION AND USE OF THE PALO ALTO LIBRARY AS A CULTURAL CENTER

*By Hugh Moran*

The question as to what we are going to do with our library building has stirred up more ruckus among the good citizens of Palo Alto than any thing that has happened in town for the past dozen years - since the disagreement over the extension of the business district down the Avenue to what was euphemistically called Whiskey Gulch. We are fortunate that we do not have a mile and a half of stores and garages replacing the lovely homes along University Avenue.

And now a committee has brought in a report that the Palo Alto Library building should be demolished and the land either sold or turned into a parking lot, and that a new building, one quarter its size, be put up over on the North side of town. The same organizations and many of the same people that fought the proposal for a dog-leg shopping district down the avenue now oppose the destruction of our library building as rank vandalism. I have talked with many people, and some of our leading citizens have come to me - literally frantic, - and I have yet to talk with but one person - outside the committee that brought in this ill-conceived proposition - who approves of this foolish and extravagant idea.

Now, just what is this proposal? We have a substantial, well designed building of brick and tile - a good example of the best architecture of the day, - built in 1904 - when I was in College - and enlarged some twenty years later.

This building withstood the earthquake of 1906, -when Stanford lost some \$4,000,000 worth of stone buildings, withstood it with negligible damage. Mr. Tilton, our first city planner, who was teaching planning at the University of California when our present planners were still in short pants told me, when I drove him past the library one day, "That should be the site for the permanent city library". He said it was the ideal site because it was convenient for one stop shopping, close to the Post Office, the banks, the railway station and the entrance to the University, and within walking distance of all manner of stores and offices. This building should be kept, as a major attraction to draw people to the avenue shopping district.

The site of the library building is as ideal today for a library as it was when Mr. Tilden approved it. But what do our exuberant spenders of tax money propose? They propose to put a new library building as a branch, on a lot for which the people of Palo Alto have paid \$70,000. the new building, they say, to cost \$100,000; but at present prices it would be nearer \$120,000. The proposed new building would provide 4000 square feet of floor space and would provide for nothing but a branch library. They say the old building is too big and would be expensive to renovate.

Our old library building contains 16,000 feet of floor space, four times the size of the proposed building. The city has an estimate of \$55,000. for remodeling the old building, less than half the cost of a new building one fourth its size.



A competent engineer, who has gone over the building thoroughly, gives an estimate of \$40,000, for complete renovation, including new plumbing, wiring, furnace and new roof and adaptation to the new uses, with a possible contingent sum of \$10,000 for unexpected trouble and adaptations. Suppose we have to spend \$100,000 remodeling the building, - it would still cost less than a new building and we would have have four times the space to use for purposes that are presently needed. The figures show that we can get eight times as much for our money by retaining the present library building.

They say the old library building is too big. Too big for what? Too big for a branch library, yes. But ideal for what we need at this particular time for this particular spot, - that is a down town cultural center, including a branch library. And what features would such a cultural center provide, in addition to a library? Before Committee II of the City Council a plea has recently been presented for a program for retired people, for our very large number of senior citizens, who live in the neighborhood of the library building in rooming houses, in small apartments, and in the more modern apartment houses that are being built. They are the people who will read the papers and magazines in the branch library, and will take home a book when they go. Many of them are the people who can't afford taxi fare to go down to the new main library, who do not have TV's or other forms of entertainment. There should be for such people a program of music, lectures, games, a sewing room and shop for making and mending things. That would be two uses for the building, - a gerontium or center for senior citizens, and a branch library.

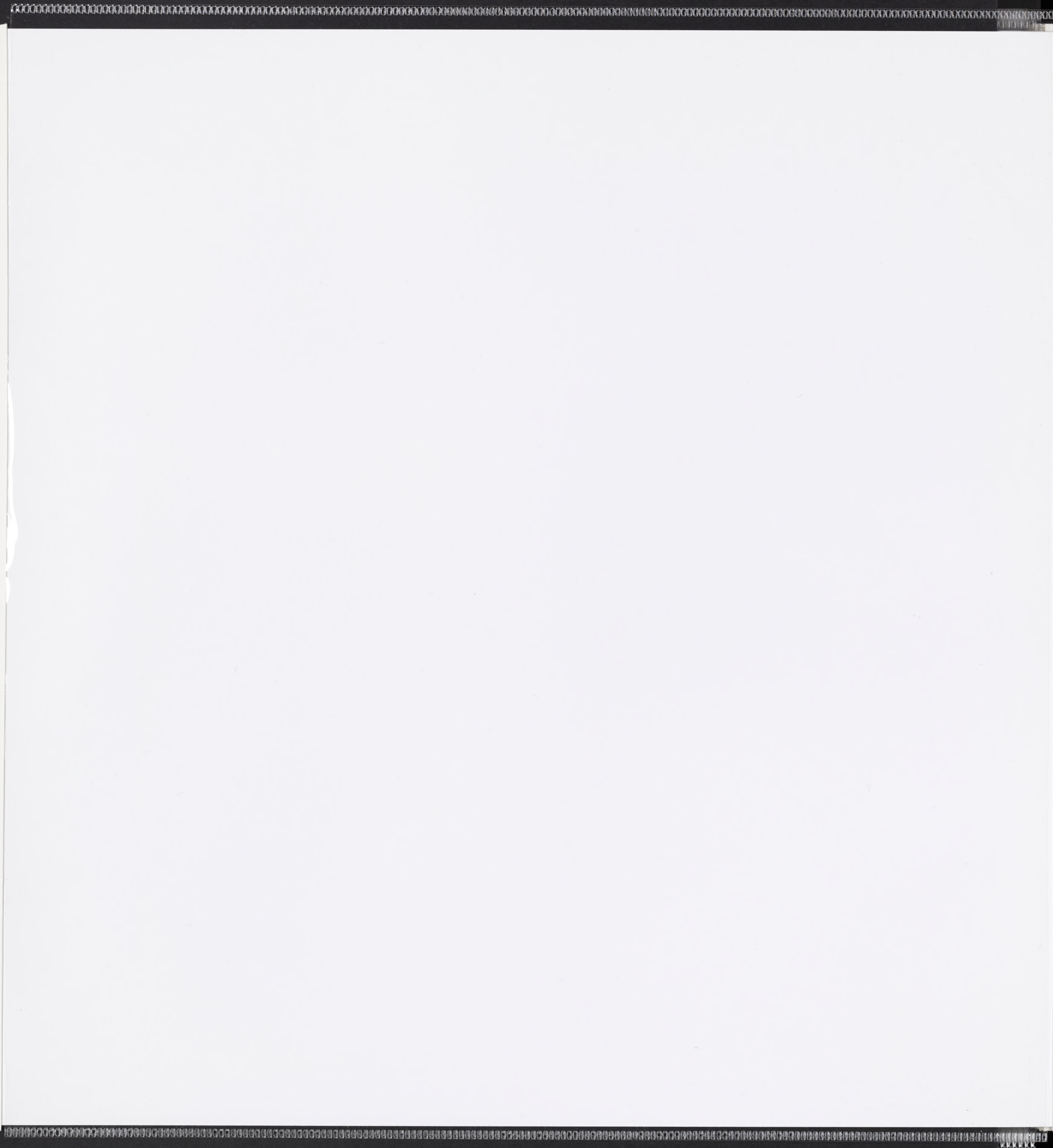
A third need is for an art galery, - to preserve examples of the work of the outstanding artists who have lived and worked in Palo Alto. Such artists as Proctor who did the wonderful bronzes of Indians and buffalo and wild horses - some of them in the old studio on Melville Avenue, with an Indian chief as a model. I would mention also Swinerton, Calude Sweigert, and Elizabeth Norton, who has work in the Metropolitan and the National Galery. Specimens of their work must be gotten now, if ever. The East wing of our old library building was built as an art galery, with sky light and cork walls. It was for some years used for that purpose and should be restored as an art galery.

That would be three uses for the building, and a fourth which belongs with these three, would be for a musical center. That might include headquarters for the sinfonietta and other musical services, a library of good music, listening booths, and a small auditorium.

All four of these uses, perhaps others also, could be accommodated in the old library building. Some would eventually outgrow their quarters; but it would take a generation for us to find out what is really needed to accommodate these cultural activities; and we could find out by using what we have, what should be needed in the future.

What then shall we say? Shall we tear down a good building ideally located, and spend \$120,000. for a branch library in not so good a location? Or shall we spend \$40,000 to \$50,000 for a cultural center four times the size of the proposed building, where we can accommodate four or more of the major needs of our community? We accuse our national government of waste and extravagance. Could anything be more wasteful or extravagant that to destroy what we want, which is where we want it, and to build what we don't want, where we don't want it? The answer is: let us keep and use the old library building as a cultural center for the people of Palo Alto.







# Theater... Music... Art...

## 3-14-58 Woman's club of P.A. sets 'book theater'

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto will present Carol Brumm's "Book Theater" at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 at the clubhouse.

Carol Brumm has been interested in acting since her debut at the age of 12 in "Anne of Green Gables" in her home town of Alameda.

**SHE WAS** graduated from the University of California with an A.B. degree in dramatic art and gained 10 years experience in the professional theater in a variety of dramatic roles. Carol Brumm has appeared recently as a comedienne with the Straw Hat Theater in Berkeley, and has toured with this noted company in California, Honolulu and the New England states.

Tea chairman for the meeting is Mrs. Harold Kay with Mrs. Donald Knapp as co-chairman. They will be assisted by Mrs. J. S. Hebrew, Mrs. Daniel Hayes, Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. L. T. Harlan, Mrs. Harold G. Gibson, Mrs. Juanita Grimm, Mrs. E. R. Hannibal and Mrs. H. C. Heriman.

Pouring will be Mrs. W. C. Gordon and Mrs. Harry A. Cox. Mrs. Herbert Thomson and Mrs. Dale Ford Thomson are in charge of decorations.

## 2-7-58 Music section to hear program

The music section of The Woman's Club of Palo Alto will meet tomorrow at the clubhouse to hear Mrs. Andrew Hansen give a report of the opera, "The Barber of Seville"; Mrs. Marie Ruhlmann will give "My trip to Music Festivals in Europe" and Eugene Lawrence will give a short outline of "The Flute," to be presented in San Francisco.

The hostess of the tea committee is Mrs. William H. Beattys. Serving on her committee will be Mrs. H. H. Seiter and Mrs. Clifford Spenser.



BARITONE  
Eugene Lawrence



SOPRANO  
Josephine Barbano



TENOR  
Ante Soljanich

## 1-20-58 Verdi operalogue to be presented

Verdi's "La Traviata," in the form of an operalogue, will be presented in the clubhouse of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto, 475 Homer Ave., on Sunday, Jan. 26, at 3 p.m. The event is sponsored by the orchestra group and music section of the women's club.

The production, the second concert of the Peninsula Artists Series, will feature Ante Soljanich, tenor; Eugene Lawrence, baritone; Josephine Barbano, soprano, and Juanita de Young, mezzo soprano.

**MYRIAM ZUNER** will be violinist, and Howard Albertson, musical director.

Ante Soljanich was born on the island of Vis, Adriatic Yugoslavia. In his native land he studied at the Conservatorium of Zagreb, and later migrated to Australia where he was engaged with the Australian Broadcasting Commission. Under the baton of Eugene Goosens, he sang with the Sidney Symphony Orchestra on concert tours throughout Australia.

Desiring to continue his operatic career, he came to the United States in 1951, and has appeared in many leading roles in San Francisco operas as well

as in concerts in the Bay Area and other parts of California.

**EUGENE LAWRENCE** attended College of Pacific in 1945-1946 and graduated from San Francisco State College in 1950. He studied composition with Darius Milhaud at Mills College in 1951 and did graduate work at the University of California in 1954-1955. He toured the U.S. and Canada with the Savoy Opera Company as feature artist and conductor. In 1949, he was conductor for Nana Gollner and John Kriza in Pas de Deux from "Nutcracker," "Sleeping Beauty" and "Swan Lake" at the Chicago Opera House. In 1950-1951 he was director of the Berkeley Opera Workshop presenting full scale productions of "Aida," "Die Fledermaus" and "Carmen." He also has conducted at Stern Grove. In 1957 he was assistant conductor for the Cosmopolitan Opera Company, and he has been engaged for the current season.

Josephine Barbano's professional activities include operatic roles with the Cosmopolitan and San Francisco Opera companies and before many clubs and on radio in the Bay area. During the past season Miss Barbano was soloist with the San Jose Municipal Chorus in presentations of "Messiah," and "Elijah."

**JUANITA DE YOUNG** studied piano for five years but later changed to singing. In Los Angeles she studied with Bertha Vaughn and Arthur Rosenstein, who was then affiliated with MGM. Recently she successfully auditioned for the West Coast Opera.

Single tickets are now on sale for the forthcoming concert. The price is 85 cents.

## 3-13-58 Easter Fair committee heads named

An Easter gift display, fashions, and programs will highlight the Woman's Club Merchants' Easter Fair on March 21 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the club house, 475 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. The entire program is open to the public, including entertainment and refreshments. Admission is free.

Mrs. Willa Wise Monroe, chairman, announces the following members of her committee:

Mrs. David Williams and Mrs. Jack Bennett, chairmen of the fashion show; Mrs. William C. Haydon, chairman of the hostesses; Mrs. Glen E. Vassel; Mrs. Howard Zink; Miss Edna Allison; Mrs. W. C. Gordon; Mrs. Elon Gerken; Mrs. George Whitworth; Mrs. Donald Knapp; and Mrs. H. A. Burr.

Others are Mrs. Charles A. Hill, Mrs. Daniel Hayes, Mrs. A. E. Styles, Mrs. C. H. Congdon, Mrs. M. L. Grover, Mrs. Ledyard Cogswell, Mrs. D. P. Hennes, Mrs. George Oswald, Mrs. Andrew Hansen, Mrs. W. A. Pinkerton, Mrs. Bertha Ford, Mrs. L. M. Van Lok, Mrs. Oliver Davis, Mrs. E. C. Brandeberry, Mrs. C. W. Spencer, Mrs. D. M. Umphrey, Mrs. H. I. Kesterson, Mrs. O. H. Olsen, Mrs. W. C. Haydon, and Mrs. D. S. Knapp.

Any merchant wishing to enter may obtain information by telephoning DA 6-2677.

## 3-17-58 Models named for show at Woman's Club

Models have been named for the fashion show which is part of the merchants' exhibit, Easter gift display and fashion program to be sponsored by the Woman's Club of Palo Alto on Friday. The event will be held at the clubhouse, 475 Homer, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The affair is open to the public and admission is free.

Models in the 2 p.m. fashion show will be Mrs. Joseph Hefner, Mrs. Ernest Mora, Mrs. H. L. Lyell, Mrs. O. F. Young, Mrs. John French, Mrs. Richard Stone, Mrs. David Neilson, Mrs. Melvin Dentley, Mrs. Sam Deal, Mrs. Harry Kesterson, Mrs. Robert Hore, Kinbley Kesterson, Robbin Deal, and Elisa and Frances Thursby.

## 3-11-58 Woman's Club to hostess district meet

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto will be hostess to all the women's clubs of the Loma Prieta District No. 9 on Monday, March 17. District No. 9, under the leadership of Mrs. John H. Dunlea, includes the counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito.

The meeting, after a coffee hour at 9:30 a.m., will be called to order at 10 a.m. by Mrs. Marion Thomas, president of the Palo Alto club. Mrs. Frank Wherry, education chairman of the California Federation of Women's Clubs, will be the speaker.

Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. and will cost \$1.50. Reservations may be made by telephoning Mrs. Marion Thomas, DA 6-3061.

## 2-7-58 Woman's Club will discuss Indonesia

The international relations section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto will hold its regular meeting at 2 p.m. Monday at the clubhouse.

There will be an open discussion on Indonesia.

Hostesses for the meeting will be Mrs. J. P. Daniel, Mrs. Glen Vassel, and Mrs. A. W. Baily Jr. All members and guests may attend.





#### TOP TEACHER HONORED

Mrs. Donald M. Umphrey (left) presents a bouquet to Marjorie M. Klein during meeting of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto.

## Marjorie Klein named top Palo Alto teacher

Marjorie M. Klein, vocal music teacher at Jordan Junior High School, has been chosen the outstanding teacher in the Palo Alto Unified School District by the Woman's Club of Palo Alto.

She is thus in the running for the "Teacher of the Year" award of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, to be presented at the federation's national convention in Detroit during June.

MISS KLEIN was chosen by the local club on the basis of scholastic qualifications, teaching experience, humanitarian attitude toward students, work beyond the call of duty, and interest in community, state and national affairs.

Mrs. Donald M. Umphrey, first vice president of the Palo Alto club, presented a bouquet of flowers to Miss Klein at the club's meeting this week.

Runners-up in the contest were Mrs. Maxine Finke, fourth grade teacher at El Carmelo Elementary School, and Clyde Parrish, head of the math and science department at Cubberley High School.

MISS KLEIN has been at Jordan since 1953. She teaches general music classes, glee clubs, choirs and small vocal ensembles.

She is a graduate of Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash. She has taken additional work at Washington State Col-

lege, Western Washington College, the University of Mexico and the University of Hawaii. She has also studied choral conducting with Robert Shaw and Julius Herford.

The vocal groups she has conducted have received superior ratings at the annual Northern California Music Festival. Last fall she trained a special boys' choir which performed at Christmas time with the Stanford University chorus and orchestra.

Miss Klein is director of youth choirs for the First Methodist Church of Palo Alto.

### Woman's Club to elect officers

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto will meet Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the clubhouse to elect officers.

Decoration chairman for the meeting is Mrs. Philip Rowan with Mrs. Richard Kay, co-chairman. Mrs. L. G. FitzSimmons is tea chairman with Mrs. Joseph P. Hefner as co-chairman. Members of the committee are Mrs. George F. Gayer, Mrs. John A. Galvin, Mrs. Robert B. Frick, Mrs. John B. French, Mrs. Bertha Ford, Mrs. Lewis J. Evans and Mrs. L. E. Nathanson. Mrs. Harold M. Forde and Mrs. Glen E. Vasal will pour.

## Woman's Club of Palo Alto schedules special meetings

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto has scheduled special events for Lincoln's Birthday and Valentine's Day. Both meetings will be held at the clubhouse.

The drama section will be hostess to the club's new members at tea Wednesday at 2 p.m. A program of play readings has been planned.

**THE ANNUAL** Valentine benefit dessert bridge will be held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock with the bridge section in charge.

Mrs. H. H. Stannard, chairman of Wednesday's program, will give an introduction to the play "The Ozarks," written by Margaret Bland, eastern clubwoman. The play was awarded first prize in the National Little Theater Tournament of Plays. Mrs. Willawise Monroe, Mrs. C. H. Bowman and Mrs. John Duckworth, in costume, will give excerpts of the play's dialogue.

**IN HONOR** of Lincoln's birthday, Mrs. Harold Kay will give a reading of "Death and a People's Grief" by Carl Sandburg.

Mrs. Harold Milner and Mrs. Juanita Grimm are in charge of decorations and tea.

Members planning on participating in the benefit dessert bridge Friday are requested to take their own playing and score cards, according to Mrs. E. C. Brandeberry, chairman.

Assisting Mrs. Brandeberry with arrangements are:

Mrs. G. A. Liebenstein, co-chairman; Mrs. C. C. Fisher, publicity; Mrs. J. F. Beatty and Mrs. Martin Charles, tickets; Mrs. O. C. Davis, reservations; Mrs. Chris Rasmussen and Mrs. H. W. Brann, refreshments; Mrs. L. G. Weiler, members serving; Mrs. Willawise Monroe, decorations; and Mrs. T. W. E. Christmas, gifts.

### 'Future of Educational Television'

## Women's Club to hear Dr. Thomas Lantos

Dr. Thomas Lantos of San Francisco State College will speak on "The Future of Educational Television" at the Wednesday meeting of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto.

Members of the Junior Women's Club will be honored guests at the meeting, which will be held at the Palo Alto Women's Clubhouse at 2 p.m.

Mrs. H. H. Stannard is chairman of the event. The tea committee is headed by Mrs. P. K.

Winchell who is being assisted by Mrs. G. W. Colberg, Mrs. E. E. Dodge, Mrs. Stanley M. Croonquist, Mrs. C. H. Congdon, Mrs. Ray Cooper, Mrs. T. O. Dowdell, Mrs. J. F. Duckworth, Mrs. Harry Cox, Mrs. J. P. Daniel, Mrs. Raymond H. Davis, Mrs.

Frank Dickey, Mrs. Ralph Monroe and Mrs. Oliver Davis.

Presiding at the tea tables, will be Mrs. C. H. Arnold, Mrs. Edward Hazen and Mrs. Marion M. Thomas. Mrs. Harold Squires and Mrs. Geoffrey Almy are in charge of decorations.

## P.A. Woman's Club sets installation

Mrs. Marion M. Thomas will be installed president of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto for a second term following the annual luncheon, to be served May 7 at the clubhouse.

Installation rites will follow the 12 noon event. Reservations for lunch are \$1.50 and must be made by contacting Mrs. S. F. Deal, 850 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto.

**ALSO TO BE** installed with Mrs. Thomas are the following:

Mrs. Laurence G. Weiler, first vice president; Mrs. H. H. Stannard, second vice president; Mrs. Laurence G. FitzSimmons Jr., recording secretary; Mrs. Harry I. Kesterson, treasurer; Mrs. John F. Duckworth, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Herbert Thomson, chairman finance committee; Mrs. Glen Kenyon, auditor; Mrs. Andrew Hansen, parliamentarian; Mrs. Willawise Monroe, historian and custodian of records.

Members of the board are W. C. Haydon, Mrs. Daniel Mrs. A. W. Bailey Jr., Mrs. Jack Hayes, Mrs. L. E. Nathanson Bennett, Mrs. J. P. Hefner, Mrs. and Mrs. L. M. Van Loh.



#### SECOND TERM PRESIDENT

Mrs. Marion M. Thomas

## Woman's Club

### will convene on Wednesday

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto will hold a business meeting Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Decoration chairman for the meeting is Mrs. Robert Ringler with Mrs. Otis Young, co-chairman. Mrs. G. F. Whitworth is tea chairman, assisted by Mrs. David Jamieson, Mrs. Bernhard F. Jakobsen, Mrs. J. M. Jacobi, Mrs. H. K. Irwin, Mrs. Clifford House, Mrs. Florence W. Hoffman, Mrs. Alfred Hillback, Mrs. C. A. Hill, Mrs. J. J. Hickey, Mrs. Elon Gerken, Mrs. W. C. Haydon, Mrs. A. Hansen, Mrs. Robert Hoor and Mrs. Sidney Henes. Mrs. Donald M. Umphrey and Mrs. Willawise Monroe will pour.

### Friday bridge at P.A. Woman's Club

An afternoon of bridge has been scheduled for Friday by the bridge section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto. Preceding the 2 o'clock event, to be held at the clubhouse, dessert will be served by Mrs. C. A. Carlson and Mrs. D. S. Knapp.

Pouring at the tea table will be Mrs. A. R. Schlosser. Assisting will be Mrs. G. A. Liebenstein, Mrs. Willa-Wise Monroe, Mrs. H. H. Herbert and Mrs. Tim Wood. Members may take guests.



DAILY PALO ALTO TIMES, MONDAY, MAY 11, 1959

## Palo Alto Woman's Club plans May 20 ceremonies

Mrs. G. Laurence Weiler will be installed as the 47th president of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto on Wednesday, May 20, when the club celebrates Founder's Day and Past Presidents' Day.

Mrs. Weiler has been a resident of Palo Alto for 17 years and has served as treasurer and first vice president of the club. She is also a member of the Stanford Mother's Club and the Red Cross Campaign Service.

**OTHER OFFICERS** to be installed are:

Mrs. Harry Kesterson, first vice president; Mrs. William Haydon, second vice president; Mrs. Laurence G. Fitzsimmons, recording secretary; Mrs. Walter A. Hamilton, treasurer; Mrs. John F. Duckworth, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. H. H. Stannard, finance; Mrs. Daniel Hayes, auditor; Mrs. T. O. Dowdell and Mrs. David Nielson, parliamentarians; Mrs. A. O. Sanders, historian and custodian.

Members of the board, Mrs. Jack Bennett, Mrs. J. P. Hefner, Mrs. Robert Padgett, Mrs. Melvin Bentley, Mrs. George Casaday, Mrs. J. J. Hickey and Mrs. Gertrude K. Lewis. Mrs.



**MRS. G. LAURENCE WEILER**  
Heads woman's club.

Clement H. Arnold is junior adviser.

The program chairman, Mrs. Philip Rowan, will present Robert Emmett Moonan in "Musical Moments."

Tea chairman will be Mrs. Melvin Bentley assisted by Mrs. Miles Bresee.

The woman's club, organized in 1894 and incorporated in 1904, has approximately 300

members. The clubhouse, located at 475 Homer Ave., was erected in 1916 and remodeled last year.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1959

### Woman's Club will present original drama

The Drama Section of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto will present an original play, "The Eiffel Tower," Thursday at 2 p.m.

The work is written and directed by Maud Jackson. Stage and properties are managed by Mrs. S. F. Deal.

**APPEARING** in the play will be Peg Latin, Kathryn Kay, Edith Duckworth and guest artist Mrs. Ben Kelman, president of the Junior Woman's Club.

All members of the club and their friends may attend. There will be no guest fee.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1959

### Bridge Meeting

The Bridge Section of Palo Alto Woman's Club meets for dessert at the clubhouse at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, with cards following at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Otis Young, chairman, is being assisted by Mrs. Donald Knapp.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1959

### Bridge meet

The bridge section of the Palo Alto Woman's Club will meet tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

DAILY PALO ALTO TIMES, SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1959

**Palo Alto Woman's Club:** Mrs. Charles Fisher will review the book, "Mrs. Bridge" by Evan S. Connell Jr. for the program of the annual meeting and luncheon May 6, at noon. Reservations for the luncheon may be made before Friday with Mrs. L. M. Van Loh of Menlo Park or Mrs. Donald Umphrey, of Palo Alto.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1959

### Woman's Club Meet

Palo Alto Woman's Club holds its annual meeting and luncheon at noon Wednesday, May 6. Mrs. Charles C. Fisher will present a book review. Make reservations by Friday, May 1, with Mrs. L. M. Van Loh or Mrs. Donald Umphrey.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1959

**Palo Alto Woman's Club:** Members of the Palo Alto Junior Woman's Club will be honored at tomorrow's 2 p.m. meeting in the clubhouse, which will also feature panel discussion by Stanford foreign students.









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